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## **COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT TRAINING AT THE COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS**

The United States (US) Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S) Doctrinal Review Team (DRT) initiated several trips to the combat training centers (CTC) to examine the application of doctrine in simulations and field exercises. The CTCs visited included: the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California; the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, Louisiana (and formerly Fort Chaffee, Arkansas); the Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTTC) at Hohenfels, Germany; and the Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The desired outcome was to create a direct link between the CTCs, the training units, and the AMEDDC&S on doctrinal issues using the Doctrine, Training, Leadership, Organization, Material, and Soldier (DTLOMS) matrix.

The CTC experience provides medical units an opportunity to practice and test their skills in a realistic battlefield setting. It also allows the units to incorporate new training methods and ideas into their home station unit training plans that will strengthen unit readiness and improve unit tactical standing operating procedures (TSOPs). During the CTC visits, the DRT collects observations of the training activities conducted by the participating units. These observations are then categorized using the DTLOMS matrix. The observations are further analyzed; recommendations are made to resolve the issues identified; corrective actions are tracked; trends are determined; and the resulting *lessons learned* are validated and disseminated for use by the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) community.

This handbook is the product of these DRT visits. It is intended to be used as a reference for units participating in CTC rotations and as an aid in unit training. This handbook is not authoritative. If a conflict exists between it and approved Army doctrine, the approved doctrine prevails. It will be updated on a periodic basis.

Units can also obtain other medical lessons learned information on the world wide web at <http://www.acs.amedd.army.mil>. Questions or assistance required with AMEDD lessons learned can be obtained by writing the **U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, ATTN: MCCS-F, 2250 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-6120** or telephonically at DSN 471-8171 or commercial (210) 221-8171.

## **THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONAL AREAS**

The AMEDD functional areas include: command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence (C<sup>4</sup>I); patient evacuation and medical regulating; hospitalization; dental services; preventive medicine (PVNTMED); combat stress control (CSC); veterinary services; medical laboratory support; combat health logistics; and area medical support.

When developing the combat health support (CHS) plan, all functional areas should be considered even if not all functional areas are organic to the echelon of support. For example, hospitalization resources first appear on the battlefield at Echelon III. The forward support medical company (FSMC) (Echelon II) must still incorporate hospitalization information into its CHS plan (such as which hospitals are supporting the FSMC).



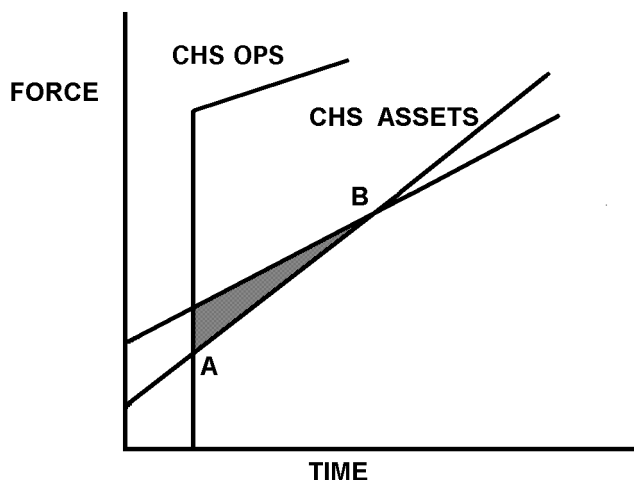
## THE FORWARD SUPPORT MEDICAL COMPANY

During the initial stages of an operation, a gap may exist between the anticipated number of patients and the FSMC's ability to care for these patients. Combat health support planners must ensure that sufficient CHS resources are included in the initial stages of the plan. Further, the CHS commander must ensure that medical equipment, medical equipment sets, and medical supplies are current, on hand, and operational to ensure that the maximum number of patients can be cared for during the initial phases of an operation.

It is important for leaders and planners to know the commander's intent and understand the operational tempo of the mission and the projected number of patients. This has been the "fog of planning" when trying to identify and align resources with mission requirements.

**Observation:** *Combat health support planners have difficulty visualizing an effective combat health support (CHS) plan.*

The following chart is a CTC initiative developed to help planners visualize and better understand how to support forces arriving into a theater of operations (TO) over time. This chart compares when combat operations start (line A) and CHS assets (line B) with projected patient estimates over time.



(NOTE: These estimates do not consider conventional or nuclear, biological, or chemical mass casualty situations.) The point B intersection shows the CHS assets aligned with the patient estimate whereas the point A intersection shows that CHS assets fall considerably short of supporting the patient estimate during the initial stages of a conflict. The shaded area represents the **potential risk** that a brigade commander can face during combat operations.

The following major medical observations and trends highlighted in this publication are—CHS planning, medical equipment, patient evacuation, and Class VIII (medical) resupply. They are followed by several checklists located in the annexes.

## COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT PLANNING

CHS planning needs the leader's attention. The forward support battalions (FSB) coming to the CTCs do not accomplish effective CHS planning prior to arrival. They do not conduct mission analysis and



develop courses of action (COAs) based on the tactical plan. They often have very little intelligence, and are unware of the medical threat in theater. Some soldiers often rely on the notion that "whatever happens initially will have to wait till we get there," forcing the unit to develop a wait-and-see attitude.

The scenarios normally start with deployment of a brigade task force (TF) into the maneuver box, followed by the brigade supporting assets. Depending on the scenario, a corps hospital, forward surgical team (FST), mobile aeromedical staging facility (MASF), aeromedical evacuation control center (AECC), aeromedical evacuation control team (AELT), or medical assets of a Naval ship/fleet may also be capable to provide support the brigade task force. Each of these elements has actually played at the CTCs with the exception of the Navy hospital ship which has been included notionally.

Considering availability, the brigade staff plans and schedules the order of who arrives into the maneuver area via convoys and aircraft. Where the brigade and battalions position their organic CHS assets into the flow will have a dramatic impact on their ability to provide quality CHS if they immediately receive enemy contact and start sustaining casualties. When this occurs, the battalion aid stations (BASs) are often overwhelmed trying to clear the battlefield and coordinate the evacuation of these patients to the FSMC which is normally not yet on the ground (as identified in the A and B line intersect points).

**Observation:** *When the FSMC arrives and is on the ground, it takes on average between 24 to 36 hours before an effective CHS system is established.*

**Observation:** *There was virtually no CHS input into the brigade operation plan (OPLAN) and there was a lack of rehearsals. This resulted in delays caused by confusion at the soldier level and throughout the chain of patient evacuation.*

There is a high correlation between the number of patients that died from their wounds and having a weak CHS plan. A key consideration to successful CHS planning includes the use of standard and nonstandard evacuation platforms.

**Observation:** *During a combat service support (CSS) rehearsal, the FSB support operations officer coordinated to have the FSMC commander, the BAS platoon leaders, and attached medical elements (such as the corps medical evacuation assets and combat stress control (CSC) teams ) present to rehearse their supporting roles during each phase of the mission. Further, each of the battalions first sergeants were present during rehearsals. As a result, the brigade task force (TF) effectively executed the CHS plan.*

The development of the CHS plan should follow the guidance provided in CHS doctrine. However, commanders and staff officers should realize that they may be required to adopt tactics, techniques, and procedures to execute this doctrine which are not specifically addressed in doctrinal publications. An understanding of CHS doctrine, especially the CHS principles (conformity, continuity, control, proximity, flexibility, and mobility) assists the CHS planner to better formulate the OPLAN. Considerations in the CHS plan include, but are not limited to—

**Treatment.** Know where the medical treatment elements are located on the battlefield. It has been observed during numerous rotations that CHS elements deployed forward can be combat multipliers when effectively controlled. Further, a strong combat lifesaver program can enhance the ability of the combat medic to provide far forward treatment. The attachment of corps assets, such as FSTs, can also provide additional capability during the initial stages of an operation when effective and timely medical evacuation may be restricted.

**Patient Collecting Points and Battalion Aid Station (Minus).** Patient collecting points provide an area where patients awaiting evacuation to a medical treatment facility (MTF) can be gathered. This facilitates the medical evacuation assets ability to acquire patients in a timely manner. These patient



collecting points are designated on the medical evacuation overlays. These points do not require staffing. Should the CHS planner and/or commander determine that forward treatment is required at these points, a treatment element can be deployed forward to establish a battalion aid station (BAS) (minus). Once this occurs the point is designated as an MTF location and is no longer considered a patient collecting point. Unit First Sergeants need to know where the unit patient collecting points are located so they can disseminate this information to platoon and squad leaders.

**Health Maintenance.** Maintaining the overall health of the command is a combat multiplier. Several medical units actually conducted Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) prior to their CTC deployment. Some units have had personnel deploy to the CTCs medically unfit to perform their duties, which created leadership challenges and mission time delays within the maneuver area.

**Patient Holding.** The FSMC can hold 20 (light divisions) to 40 (heavy divisions) patients for up to 72 hours. During the initial phases of an operation, medical evacuation may be limited due to the lack of medical evacuation resources for evacuation out of the area of operations (AO). The brigade needs to consider that once patient treatment begins, it must continue whether the patient is in an MTF or in the evacuation system. Combat training center medical units have suffered very high died of wounds (DOW) rates when patients were evacuated to the FSMC for stabilization and further evacuation out of the AO. A comprehensive and coordinated medical evacuation plan is required to ensure that patients do not remain in the FSMC beyond the established time requirements.

**Medical Evacuation.** Units have an evacuation capability, but it is often not identified in any plan. The observed results often lead to an accumulation of casualties requiring further evacuation, but no concept of how to accomplish it. Rehearsals and the availability of litter bearers and evacuation platforms (ground, air, and nonstandard) are key components to any medical evacuation plan. Additional considerations include—

- Medial threat.
- Patient estimates.
- Areas of patient density.
- Lines of patient drift.
- Size of the force to be supported.
- Availability of additional support (US Air Force, US Navy, allies, coalition partners, or host nation).
- Availability of medical personnel to provide en route medical care on nonstandard evacuation platforms.

**Planning Coordination.** Another CHS planning consideration is the lack of coordination among the brigade S-1, surgeon, FSB support operations officer (Health Services Support Officer [HSSO]), FSMC commander, battalion S-1, and battalion medical platoon leaders. The confusion multiplies when the corps hospital, division medical operations center (DMOC), forward support MEDEVAC team (FSMT), and other CHS detachments are available, yet are not integrated into the planning process.

Several times, the CHS plan was written by the brigade S-1 (not coordinated with the S-4) who normally had a limited medical background and received virtually no input from any of the key medical personnel. This "vacuum planning" within the brigade often produces an inadequate CHS plan. The integration of brigade CHS assets into the tactical plan for evacuation of casualties is critical. The CHS plan must be developed by those who are doctrinally mandated, in concert with the brigade tactical planners, to ensure synchronization, integration, and coordination of all participants.

In an immature theater, the correct mix of medical elements/specialties is imperative to the brigade commander starting on day-one (D-day). In many cases, the elements of the corps support slice and the DMOC are not included in the planning process.



**Observation:** *More brigades are bringing personnel from their DMOC to assist the brigade in medical evacuation, Class VIII and blood management, any other aspects of CHS management. Good DMOCs are invaluable for facilitating the medical evacuation process.*

An effective CHS plan is critical to the success of any potential military operation. Staff involvement is imperative because, as a rule, "when the fighting does start, 90% of what needs to be done needs to be thought out ahead of time. The remaining 10% will undoubtedly consume almost 100% of a soldier's time and energies."

**Observation:** *A brigade Executive Officer (XO) was told to "take the initiative" by the brigade commander on D+3 of the battle to fix the medical evacuation system because "it was broken." Rehearsals had not been conducted, so the problem (high DOW rates and no CHS plan) was not identified and addressed by the brigade commander until D+3.*

Planning should not start when the units hit the ground, or on D+3, but start from home station.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

In the majority of rotations, medical equipment has not been maintained in a high state of readiness. Most FSMCs cannot provide x-ray services in the field. Either their x-ray machines are malfunctioning prior to arriving, they have not been calibrated, or personnel are not properly trained to operate the equipment. Therefore, many RTD patients are evacuated to a higher echelon of care because the FSMC cannot perform all of its authorized functions. This has been a systemic problem with the majority of FSMCs observed.

Other pieces of the medical equipment overlooked for preventive maintenance checks and services (PMCS) are oxygen tanks (and the procedures for how to have them refilled) and laboratory equipment. Medical equipment sets are often not stocked accordingly. It is often observed that medical personnel in the treatment tent cannot find the items they need on an immediate basis. This is due to a lack of SOPs and familiarization with MESS. This disorganization and lack of familiarization with field medical equipment and MES often results in major delays in the delivery of health care.

Medical maintenance personnel often deploy to the CTCs without their assigned equipment because "there was no room for it," or they were told to just "leave it behind." Therefore, medical equipment needing repair in the field stays "broken" until the unit redeploys back to home station.



EQUIPMENT	SERVICE STATUS
X-ray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not calibrated correctly.</li><li>• Missing components.</li><li>• Missing required supplies (film and/or chemicals).</li><li>• Lacking safety equipment.</li><li>• Turned in at home station for repair and not available for training.</li></ul>
Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing pieces of equipment.</li><li>• Reagents out dated.</li><li>• Missing storage capability for blood products.</li></ul>
Dental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generally good.</li><li>• Missing some components for the hand-held x-ray.</li></ul>
Class VIII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Packing lists for MES missing or incomplete.</li><li>• Medical equipment set not functionally packed and packing list is not readily available.</li><li>• Medications outdated.</li><li>• Drawers in MES are not labeled.</li><li>• No procedures established for ordering resupplies.</li><li>• Contents of MES changed from authorized items.</li></ul>
Medical Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not aware of MEDSTEP program.</li><li>• No procedures established to evacuate equipment which cannot be repaired at this echelon.</li></ul>

## CLASS VIII (MEDICAL) RESUPPLY

Class VIII consumption at the CTCs is demonstrated by placing the required medical supplies with each patient based on the patient's medical condition (MILES casualty cards are used). All wounds are dressed and fractures are splinted. Overall, the FSMCs have demonstrated a need to improve medical supply inventory procedures. All too often, FSMCs deploy to the CTCs without an inventory of what Class VIII supplies are on hand, are on requisition, or are required.

Often, on or about the fifth day of battle, the medical supply section of the FSMC runs out of medical supplies and which results in the FSMC's inability to continue to treat treat patients. This issue also affects the BAS as they are resupplied by the FSMC and, therefore, they normally run out of medical supplies as well. In the majority of cases, the FSMC commander is not apprised of the situation until it is too late to take effective corrective actions. In planning for the deployment to the CTC, Class VIII and blood management issues are often not considered and sustainment/resupply are not planned for. Without a Class VIII resupply plan, the treatment and evacuation system falters. The unit is responsible for developing their Class VIII resupply plan in conjunction with either their DMOC or a forward distribution team. The combat health logistics (CHL) plan can also include requests for blood (simulated) and litters from the CTCs which are available to the medical units if properly requisitioned.



**Observation:** *Forward support medical companies do not have blood management SOPs nor are they familiar with the procedures necessary to prepare and administer blood to their patients.*

## MEDICAL EVACUATION

Within the FSMC, one of the most critical functions performed is the evacuation of patients from Echelon I to the Echelon II clearing station and preparing those patients unable to RTD at Echelon II for further evacuation to the rear. The provision of en route medical care is the distinguishing factor between casualty transport and medical evacuation.

The capacities of medical evacuation platforms for the US Armed Forces is provided in the Annexes.

In medical evacuation operations at the CTCs, a major area of concern is the lack of coordination that occurs between the FSMC and BAS. Because of the potentially long lines of communication (LOCs), it becomes imperative that medical units know the location of supported units, radio frequencies used for requesting evacuation, and where casualties will be located on the battlefield (lines of patient drift and patient collecting points) during each phase of an operation. Planning should include the use of nonstandard evacuation assets for the less seriously injured in mass casualty situations.

**Aeromedical Evacuation.** Another CTC observation concerns Army aeromedical evacuation units. Again, units do not conduct sufficient home station training subsequent to deployment to the CTCs. Aeromedical evacuation units designated to provide direct support to participating FSMCs are not included in the planning and preparation phases of the medical evacuation portion of the CHS plan prior to deployment. They also do not receive adequate orientation and integration into the FSMCs operations and are expected to accomplish their mission without sufficient coordination/training. Some of these areas include—

- Procedures for requesting medical evacuation support.
- Dedicated frequency for medical evacuation.
- Location of the forward support MEDEVAC team (FSMT).
- Release authority (control).
- Army Airspace Command and Control considerations and requirements.
- Logistical support requirements (fuel and maintenance).
- Crew rest/flying hours/night vision goggles requirements.
- Flight surgeon requirements.

During two separate CTC rotations, it was observed that the evacuation liaison team (ELT) was introduced to control corps air and ground medical evacuation assets. One of the key factors for the ELT was location. During one rotation, a ELT liaison officer (LNO) (67J) collocated forward with the FSMC that resulted in better use, control, and security coordination. Army air was directly tied into the FSMC's command post (CP) and maximized. The FSMC commander was comfortable with this situation of executing his release authority.

During the other rotation, the ELT remained in the rear and was facilitate and expedite the aeromedical evacuation process. Questions/situations posed by the FSMC commander such as, "Where is MEDEVAC and are they available now? Why can't I get them? and I need them now!" went unanswered. The principles of control and proximity are key considerations to the CHS plan.

### Ground Evacuation.

**Observation:** *During convoy movements, ground ambulances were not ready to receive patients due to an overload of TOE equipment loaded in the rear of the ambulances.*





Ground evacuation and ambulance load plans vary from unit to unit. Good ambulance load plans will assist the ambulance teams with evacuation of patients, expected or unexpectedly. Poor ambulance load plans create not only major delays in the evacuation process, but real-world concerns of what to do with the TO&E equipment that is loaded in the back of ambulances and needs to be immediately unloaded to make room for the patient(s). Supervisors need to ensure that vehicle load plans are followed and teams are given good convoy briefings as to what the mission is (never assume), an intelligence update, and the patient evacuation plan.

Due to the varying depths and rear security problems, security escorts often complemented survivability. During one FSMC After Action Review (AAR), an NCO (Vietnam veteran) commented that they "neglected to get an intelligence update from their S-2 prior to launching our ground ambulances" on D+5 and were "sending our ambulances forward without any security considerations." The ambulances were ambushed on the night of D+5. The NCO commented, "In Vietnam, we never sent our ambulances out unless they had an armed escort. We must not forget the lessons learned from Vietnam. . . . The need for current intelligence is crucial to the success for any operation. . . . It will never happen again in my platoon. . . . a valuable lesson learned."

Briefing unit personnel is a key factor that happens infrequently (OPORDs, FRAGOS). During one rotation, an ambulance platoon leader used a "5-point contingency plan" for each evacuation mission along with daily intelligence updates. Before each ambulance went out on a mission, they had to receive the following information—

- Where is the team was going? Grid coordinates, strip maps, and route reconnaissance.
- Who is in charge? Second in charge?
- Time. How long will the mission take?
- What actions will take place if a team does not return?
- Actions. What does the team do if engaged by the enemy while en route or at their destination? Frequencies checked? Security escorts?

**Evacuation by US Air Force Assets.** Requesting USAF assets for patient backhaul is often the platform of choice for evacuation during the initial stages of an operations. US Army medical personnel often lack the experience and knowledge in loading and unloading patients onto C-130s and preparing the proper documentation the USAF requires (DD 601s and 602s). Units that have had the opportunity to conduct rehearsals minimize the amount of "blade time" wasted on the flight landing strip.

**Observation:** *The evacuation system often becomes hindered and time consumed due to the fact that the Air Force does not maintain a supply of litters on-hand to exchange with the Army when a litter patient is transferred to them. The Army's system conducts a one-for-one exchange at each level of patient transfer. So when Army medical personnel load patients onto a C-130, the litters, straps, and blankets go with them.*

*Movement of Patients to the MASF.* The DMOC was unaware of patients being moved from the FSMC to the MASF via the ELT. This created confusion and emotional discussion on the flight landing strip. Due to poor coordination on the movement of patients, the MASF was not prepared to receive them--they were all returned to the FSMC. Three hours later, the patients were back and accepted by the MASF for evacuation (C-130 in bound). Comment: The movement of patients must be closely controlled. A MASF can accommodate only limited numbers of patients over time. Patients cannot be evacuated to the MASF earlier than 3 hours prior to arrival of the aircraft and no later than 1 hour prior to arrival. Coordination is key. (Refer to FM 8-10-6 for additional information).

*Patient Care.* The FSMC evacuated several patients to the MASF, some in semi-stable condition and/or in conditions that had deteriorated en route. The MASF was "not prepared for these type of patients." Comment: The MASF is a temporary holding facility. It is equipped and staffed to receive



patients, sustain life, and administratively process them. It is not a MTF or depository for patients. There are no physicians assigned and patients must be in stable condition prior to being evacuated to a MASF.

*Litter Exchange.* This was a problem for the FSMC. The FSMC was expecting a one-for-one exchange of litters due to the limited number of litters available. With no litter resupply plan, the system came to a halt. Comment: The equipment available at a MASF is limited and there is no exchange of equipment with the user.

*AELT Coordination.* The FSMC welcomed the AELT, but was caught off-guard with their logistical requests. Comment: The AELT depends directly upon the user service for the logistical support. It was planned that the Army was responsible to provide quarters, food, and other logistical support as required. The FSMC commander was not prepared for this, but quickly overcame the situation.

### **Evacuation—US Navy Considerations**

On several rotations, a Naval TF notionally supported the brigade, but planning for the use of the amphibious TF was not accomplished. This is due in part to our lack of any habitual training relationship in the joint service arena. When the amphibious TF medical support was considered (through coaching, teaching, and mentoring), it was often maximized for the seriously injured patients.

**Observation:** *Personnel are unfamiliar with the amphibious task force medical support capabilities; therefore, they often do not consider, ask for, or recognize it.*

**Observation:** *Army pilots who are not deck-qualified have problems gaining immediate access to Naval ships.*

The Navy has a tremendous capability of not only providing a projection of force via sea lanes, but also of providing immediate medical support to the forces.

## **OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN**

Other major problem areas for leaders and staff include—

**Patient Holding.** There is a lack of experienced personnel in providing patient-holding services (up to 72 hours, if required). Deficiencies have been noted in the maintaining of accurate patient accountability logs; development, use, and availability of standing operating procedures (SOPs); properly annotating the DD Form 1380, US Field Medical Card with treatment provided; familiarity with field medical equipment; and the maintenance of MES.

**Preventive Medicine Support.** The preventive medicine (PVNTMED) personnel attached to the FSMC for CTC rotations are normally junior enlisted personnel. These soldiers are a valuable assets for the deployed unit, but must be fully integrated into the unit of attachment and provided leadership, guidance, and support. All too often, units deploy without all authorized PVNTMED equipment and supplies.

**Combat Stress Control.** Probably one of the most important CHS assets that goes untapped.

**Observation:** *During one rotation, a CSC team was collocated at the FSMC and proved to be valuable asset for the brigade commander once the actual battle began on D-day.*

**Unit Layout.** Unit layout is dependent upon a number of factors, such as--the terrain features in allotted real estate; the anticipated duration of occupation; defensive considerations; and the available cover. To enhance the delivery of health care, the layout of the unit area should maximize:



**Patient Flow.** Patient-flow considerations within the established facility dictate the placement of the triage area, treatment tents, x-ray and laboratory areas, FST (if attached), and patient holding areas. Patients should be able to flow through the treatment chain without experiencing areas where bottlenecks are created by cross traffic or having to back-track over already covered ground. The more smoothly the patients flow through the MTF, the more efficiently and effectively CHS will be provided.

**Ambulance Turn Around Points.** The treatment platoon leader and the ambulance platoon leader normally will work out a plan of how the traffic will flow through the FSMC. Where the plan commonly falls apart is that not everyone in the FSMC and FSB are aware of it. Thorough coordination, comprehensive planning, and clearly visible signs will alleviate traffic jams by maintaining one-way traffic through the unit area. The plan for traffic flow through the unit area should be widely disseminated and rehearsed.

**Triage.** The triage area should be established and clearly marked. In many cases, the dental officer serving in his alternate wartime role is the designated triage officer. Regardless of who the triage officer is, his guidance and determinations should be followed. All too often, other personnel try to second guess and/or change designations made by the triage officer. This causes confusion and delays the prompt treatment of the most seriously wounded.

**Professional Officer Filler System (PROFIS) Personnel and Other Attached Personnel.** During most CTC rotations, personnel not normally assigned to the unit are attached for the purpose of participating in the CTC training. These personnel include PROFIS, corps support personnel, and replacement personnel for unit members who are nondeployable. If these personnel are not oriented to the new unit, provided predeployment training, and integrated into its operation, the training they receive is not maximized but, more importantly, the unfamiliarity with their duties can adversely impact on the delivery of health care provided by the unit. This is a leadership issue which must be immediately addressed and corrective action taken.

**Geneva Conventions Considerations.** Combat health support leaders must educate nonmedical leaders on the provisions of the Geneva Conventions that affect CHS operations. They must also educate them on the consequences to both medical personnel and their patients if these provisions are not upheld. As the United States is a signatory to these Conventions, CHS operations must be conducted in accordance with their provisions. Often times, nonmedical leaders will propose actions which are in contravention of these provisions (such as placing nonmedical personnel [mechanics] or weapons not authorized for use by medical personnel on ambulances).

## CLOSING STATEMENT

This guide is a start in sharing and improving medical readiness. Though programmed to complement the AMEDD Officer Basic Course Platoon Leaders Exercise at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, it can also be utilized to assist in unit readiness from a CTC level. This guide will assist the soldier in visualizing and developing a CHS plan. It also provides the soldier with knowledge of lessons learned. Our goal: To conserve the fighting strength and win.

Charlie Mike, Sir!



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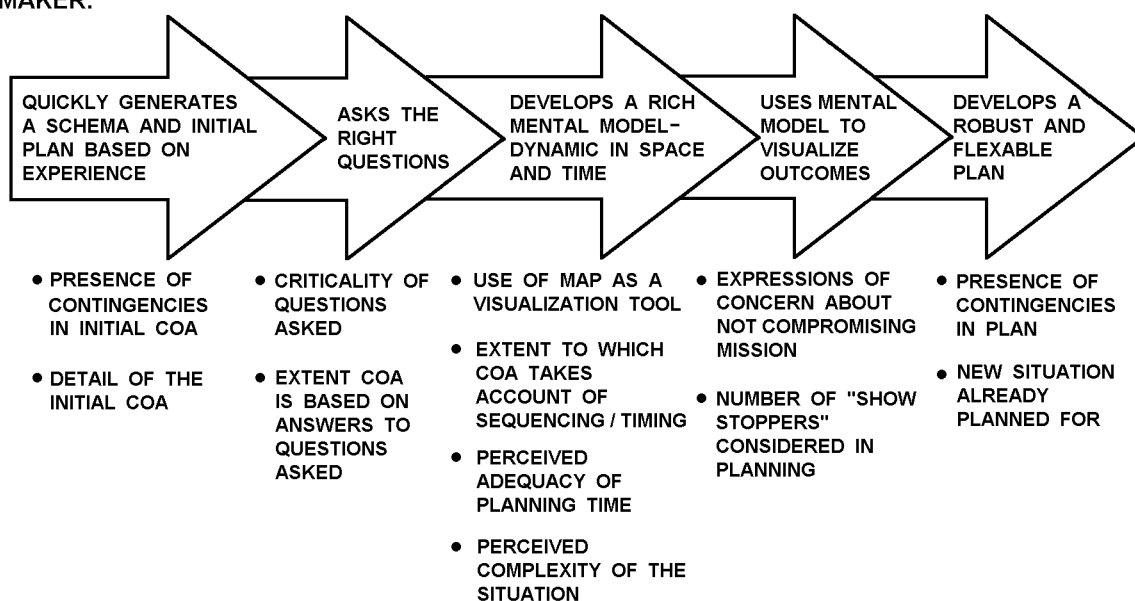
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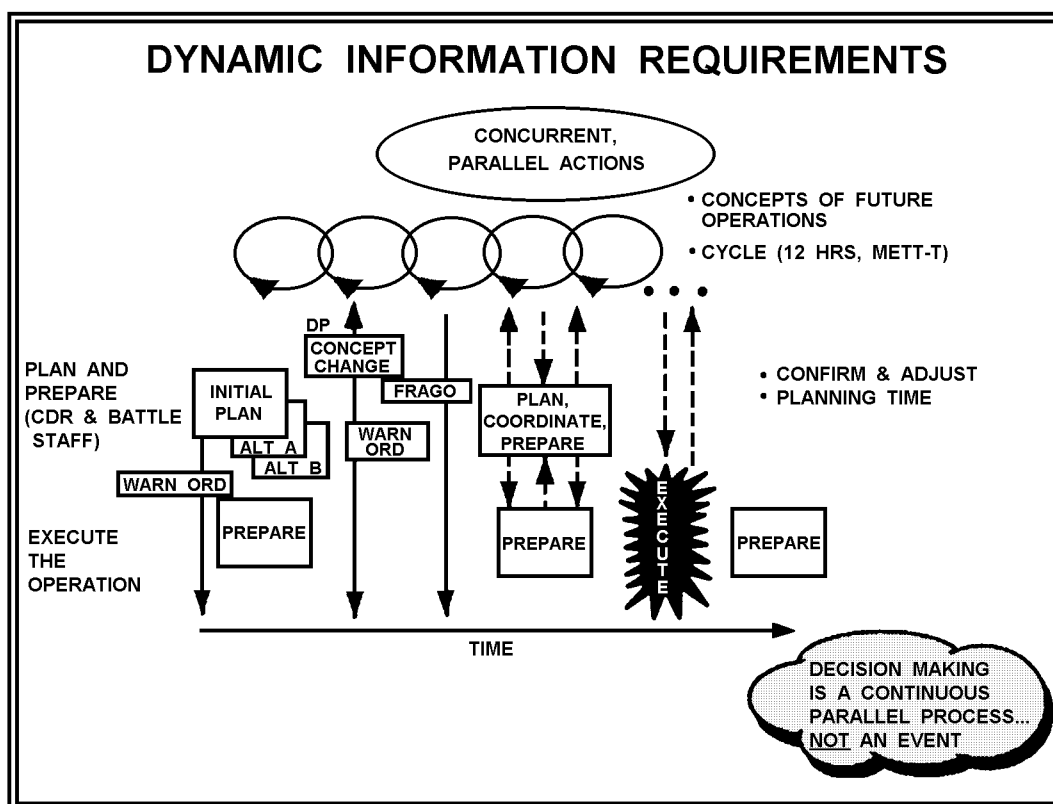
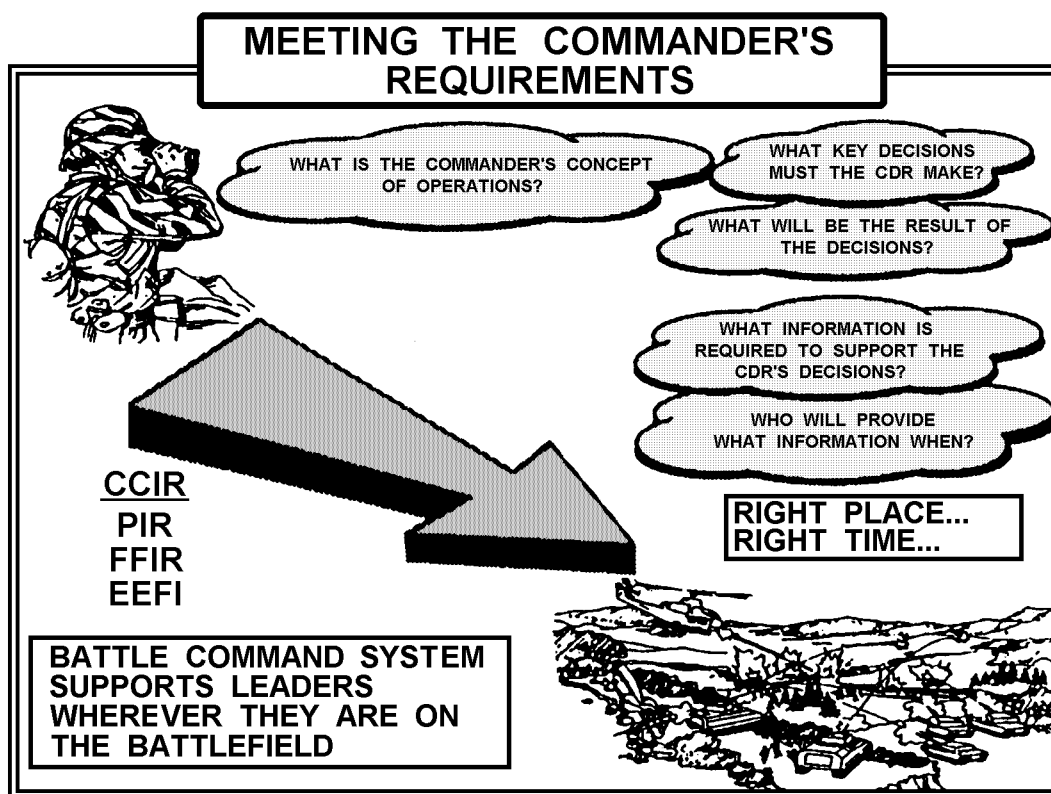
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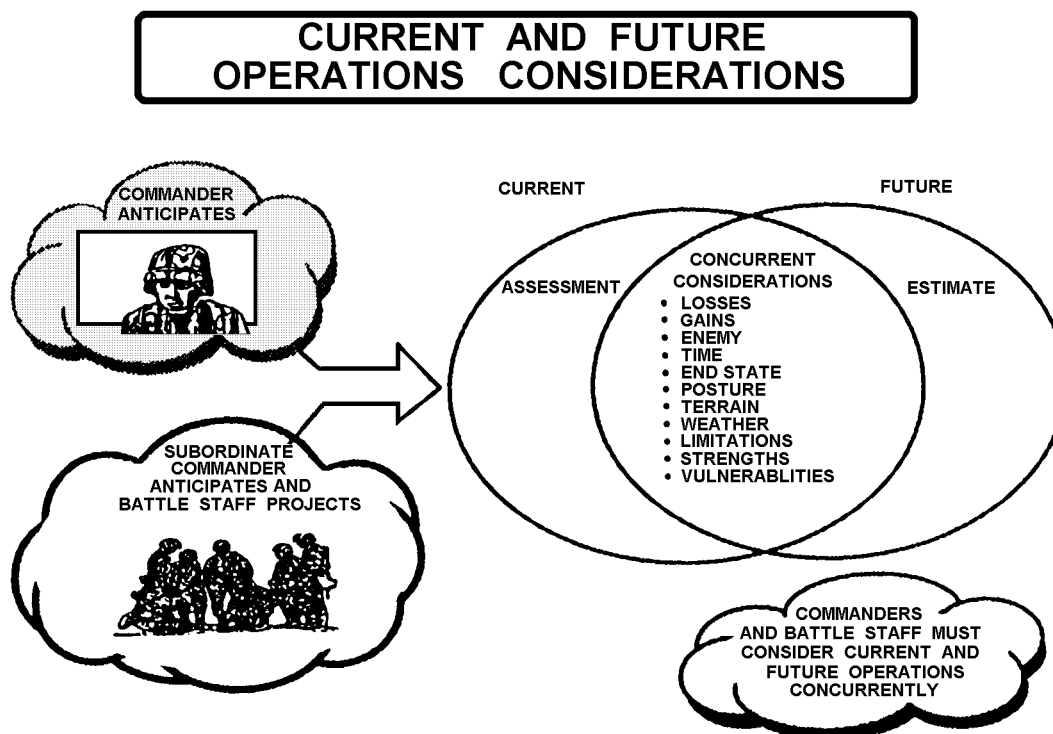
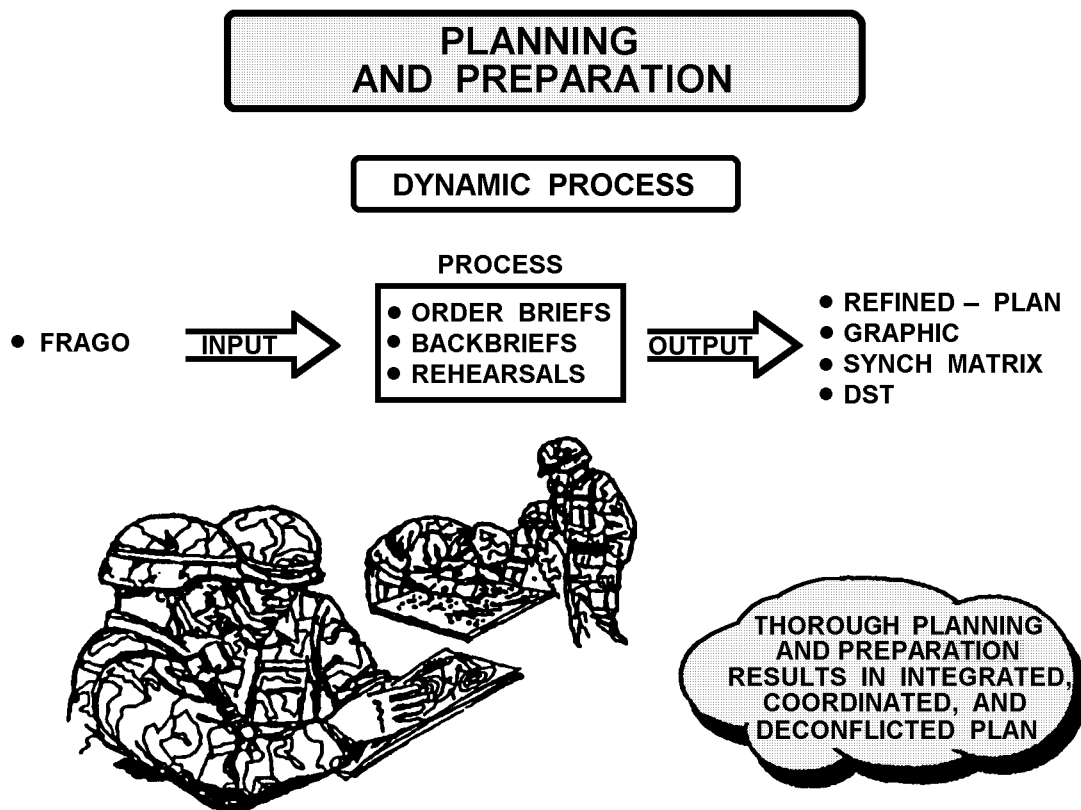
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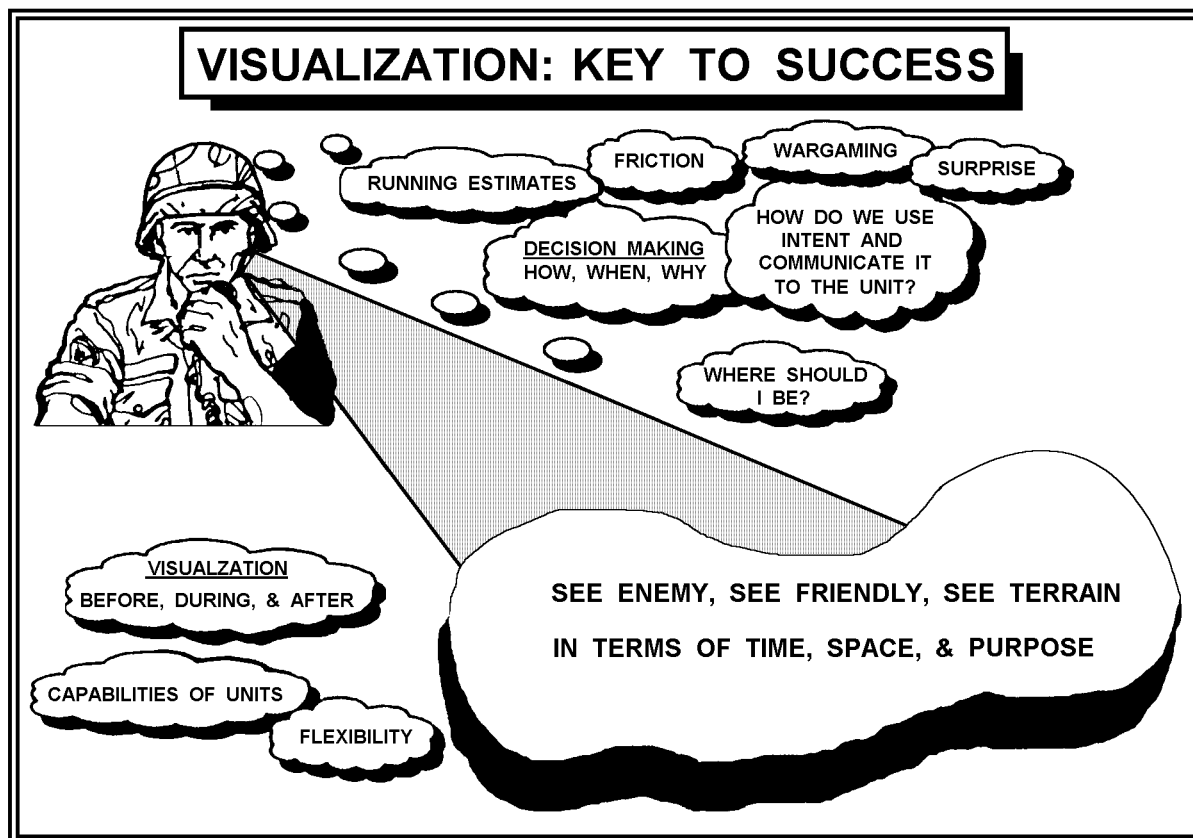
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### VISUALIZING CURRENT AND FUTURE STATES AND FORMULATING CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS

- \_\_\_ *Visualizing the battlefield* results from being able to see the enemy, the terrain, and yourself in terms of how these elements relate to each other in terms of time, space, and purpose.
- \_\_\_ *Seeing the terrain* is the result of:
  - \_\_\_ Identifying decisive terrain.
  - \_\_\_ Knowing the effects of terrain on enemy forces and your forces.
  - \_\_\_ Understanding how weather and illumination impact on your forces.
- \_\_\_ *Seeing the enemy* is the result of:
  - \_\_\_ Knowing their capabilities and limitations.
  - \_\_\_ Identifying enemy strengths and weakness.
  - \_\_\_ Attacking enemy weakness and avoiding enemy strengths.
  - \_\_\_ Integrating the threat with terrain and your mission.
- \_\_\_ *Seeing yourself* in terms of time, space, and purpose is the result of:
  - \_\_\_ Knowing strengths and weaknesses of your units and your subordinate commanders.
  - \_\_\_ Knowing friendly capabilities and limitations.
  - \_\_\_ Knowing how to integrate the battlefield functions with the dynamics of combat power.
- \_\_\_ *Articulating your visualization.* The commander depicts his visualization of current and future states and his concept of operations so that they are understood by soldiers at least two echelons below.





<b>SUMMARY OF TACTICAL DECISION MAKING</b>		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>WHEN PERFORMED</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>	Coordinated actions for execution.	Continuous. (Proactive not reactive.)
Situation Assessment	Visualization/understanding of the current situation. Forecasts of future situations and desired end state.	Continuous.
Mission Analysis	Understanding of the mission's goals, limitations, and opportunities (METT-T driven).	In anticipation of mission or upon receipt of warning orders or OPORDs.
Initial Commander's Guidance/Intent	Commander's guidance, goals, criteria for successful mission accomplishment, and vision of how situation will unfold. Determination of acceptable risks.	Early as possible after mission receipt or identification of opportunities.
Concept of the Operation	Scheme of maneuver, fires, reserves, combat multipliers—WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, and WHY.	Some elements are generated during mission analysis, continues to be refined through OPORD and monitoring.
Warning Order	Subordinates alerted to probable missions.	When general concepts of the operation are determined.
War gaming	Mission feasibility. CCIR. Refinements to operation. Identification of decision points, branches, and sequels.	Throughout to check the feasibility of concepts and to assess projected actions.
Synchronization	Arrangement and scheduling of battlefield activities. Plan for massing combat power in time and space.	Begin the concept of the operation and continues until battle activities are scheduled. Continuous.
Deception Planning	Concepts to mislead enemy; integrated into plans.	During concept development and refinement.
Contingency Planning	Identification and consideration of actions - reactions outside bounds of primary concept.	During and after concept development for branches and sequels which (a) identify likely enemy actions (situational), (b) are not covered in basic order, and (c) failure to prepare would lead to mission failure.

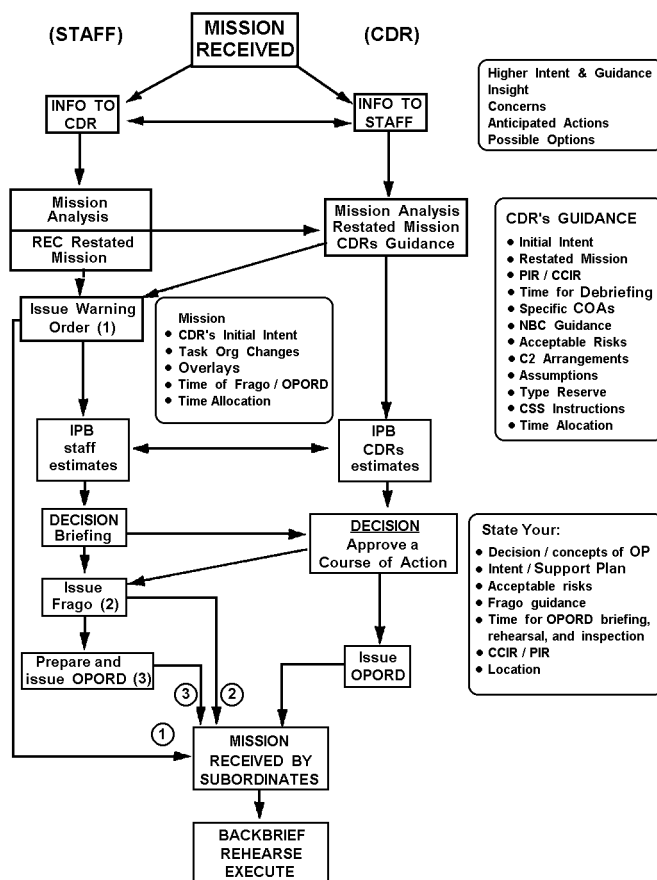


Operation Plan - Operation Order	Concept detailed and documented.	Begins when basic scheme of maneuver is determined. Completed so it can be distributed in time for won and subordinate's preparation within the higher command's schedule.
<b>DIRECTING</b>	Rehearsed operations. Guidance, orders, and plans.	Throughout, as needed.
<b>MONITORING</b>	Identification of deviations in actual performance from intent. Decisions to change on-going actions or establish new future actions. Supervision and spot- corrections.	Throughout, continuous.



## ANNEX B

### TACTICAL DECISION MATRIX





## ANNEX C

### SAMPLE EXECUTION MATRIX

Item	(a) WHEN	(b) WHO	(c) WHAT	(d) WHERE	(e) REMARKS
1	DTG	Ambulance Squad	2 ambulances establish AXP	VIC GRID	
2	DTG	Treatment Squad	Treatment team displaces forward	VIC GRID	Link up with 2Lt Jones

#### EXECUTION MATRIX

- \_\_\_ Item #.      An item number given to identify the event.
- \_\_\_ When.      Indicates as closely as possible the date time group (DTG) an event should take place.
- \_\_\_ Who.      Indicates the personnel and equipment required to complete the task.
- \_\_\_ What.      The event that must occur.
- \_\_\_ Where.      Indicates location (vicinity [VIC] by grid).
- \_\_\_ Remarks.      Additional information.



## ANNEX D

### PARALLEL PLANNING SCHEDULE

PARALLEL PLANNING SCHEDULE			
Action	CO Time	Product to PLT	PLT Time
Received mission/analysis			
Issue Warning Order		Mission (AO) time schedule	
Make tentative plan			
Initiate movement		Movement FRAGO	
Initial recon/instructions		Zone/sector named area of interest (NAI), target area of interest (TAI), C <sup>2</sup> , and assets.	
Develop/update estimates			
Prepare OPORD			
Issue OPORD		Written OPORD with overlays and decision support template (DST)	
Immediate backbrief after OPORD		Backbrief format	
Prepare company execution matrix		Company execution matrix	
Formal backbriefs		Sand table sketch	
Communications check		Signal operating instructions extracts	
Rehearsals		Rehearsal area	
LD/SP/PZ time		Location and route	
Assembly time		Linkup plan	
Mission time		Redundant C <sup>2</sup> plan	



## **ANNEX E**

### **PLANNING PARTICIPANTS AND THE ISSUE OF ORDERS**

#### **COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT PLANNING PARTICIPANTS**

The individuals involved in the planning and rehearsal process for CHS operations can include:

- ☐ Brigade surgeon
- ☐ Brigade dental officer
- ☐ Battalion surgeons
- ☐ Battalion HSSOs
- ☐ Medical company commanders
- ☐ Platoon leaders
- ☐ Platoon sergeants
- ☐ First sergeants

#### **ORDERS ISSUE CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Agenda.
- ☐ Task organization.
- ☐ Intelligence overview.
  - ☐ Enemy situation.
  - ☐ Weather/light data.
  - ☐ Most probable COA.
  - ☐ Most dangerous COA.
- ☐ Friendly situation.
  - ☐ Brigade mission.
  - ☐ Battalion mission.
- ☐ Mission.
- ☐ Execution.
  - ☐ Concept of the operation.
  - ☐ Scheme of maneuver.
- ☐ Subunit tasks.
- ☐ Coordinating instructions.
- ☐ Service/support plan.
- ☐ Command and signal.
- ☐ Critical times.
- ☐ Administrative notes.



## **ANNEX F**

### **PRINCIPLES OF COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT**

#### **Conformity**

- ◆ Conformity with the tactical plan is the most fundamental element for effectively providing CHS.
- ◆ The CHS planner must participate in the development of the OPLAN to ensure adequate support at the right time and the right place.

#### **Continuity**

- ◆ CHS must be continuous; an interruption of treatment may cause an increase in morbidity and mortality.
- ◆ No patient is evacuated any farther to the rear than his physical condition or the military situation requires.

#### **Control**

- ◆ Technical control and supervision of CHS assets must remain with the appropriate force-level surgeon.
- ◆ CHS officers must be proactive. They must keep their commanders apprised of the impact of future operations on the availability of CHS resources.
- ◆ The CHS commander must be able to tailor CHS organizations, directing them to focal points of demand throughout his AO.
- ◆ Resources are limited; therefore, it is essential that control of resources be maintained at the highest CHS level consistent with the tactical situation.

#### **Proximity**

- ◆ Minimize medical evacuation time; allocate resources efficiently and locate MTFs judiciously.

#### **Flexibility**

- ◆ Distribute or relocate CHS resources to meet changing requirements.

#### **Mobility**

- \_\_\_ When totally committed to patient care, CHS units must have mobility comparable to the units they support.
- \_\_\_ A CHS unit can regain its mobility only by immediate patient evacuation.



## **ANNEX G**

### **ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT BATTLEFIELD RULES**

#### **AMEDD BATTLEFIELD RULES (in order of importance)**

- ◆ MAINTAIN MEDICAL PRESENCE WITH THE SOLDIER.
- ◆ MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF THE COMMAND.
- ◆ SAVE LIVES.
- ◆ CLEAR THE BATTLEFIELD.
- ◆ PROVIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART CARE.
- ◆ RETURN SOLDIERS TO DUTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.





## **ANNEX H**

### **TROOP LEADING PROCEDURES**

#### **TROOP LEADING PROCEDURES (TLP) CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Receive the mission.
- ☐ Issue the warning order.
- ☐ Make a tentative plan.
- ☐ Initiate movement.
- ☐ Reconnoiter.
- ☐ Complete the plan.
- ☐ Issue the order.
- ☐ Rehearse the plan.
- ☐ Supervise and refine the plan.

**NOTE:** TLP is a continuous process. The steps DO NOT occur in any specific order.

#### **ACCELERATED PROCESS**

In very time-sensitive situations, the commander must accelerate the planning process. When the process is conducted as parallel activities across echelons, time savings are possible. Issuing warning orders early aids parallel planning. A headquarters must tell subordinates as much as it knows as soon as possible. Other ways to accelerate the process include frequent updates, focusing on critical information, and remaining alert to what might happen.

#### **DEVELOP ORDERS UNDER SEVERE TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Even the most proactive organizations will have to develop orders under severe time constraints. High levels of expertise, intuition, and battlefield awareness are needed during these times. The commander and principal staff must quickly decide upon a feasible course of action, using existing information on METT-T. The emphasis is upon rapid selection of a COA that may not be optimal, but will meet the minimum mission requirements. The more time that is spent searching for the optimum COA, the less time there will be to do detailed planning, coordination, and rehearsal.

#### **VERBAL EXECUTION ORDERS**

Under extreme time constraints, the commander has to issue immediate verbal execution orders to subordinates. The staff must then continue to work out the details and coordinate with subordinate units as time permits. This type of situation is full of risk. The goal of good battle command is to avoid these situations, and correct any problems that may have caused them to occur.

**EXAMPLE OF ACCELERATED TACTICAL PLANNING**

<b>TASK</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PRODUCTS</b>	<b>WHO</b>
Mission received	H-Hour	Situation template; warning order	Commander & S3
Mission analysis*	30 minutes	Situation update; restated mission	Executive officer and staff
Detailed guidance by BOS*	1 hour	Scheme of maneuver; scheme of fires; CSS (to include CHS)	Commander
Wargaming*	1 hour	Synchronization matrix; maneuver graphics; RSOI plan	Commander and staff
Issue oral OPORD	30 minutes		Commander
Complete plan	1 hour	Fire support plan	Executive officer and staff
Fragmentary order	15 minutes	Remaining products	Staff

\*The CHS planner must be involved early in the planning process. Beginning with the mission analysis, the CHS staff officer/surgeon must be able to provide input into the development of the COAs to ensure that the impact of the medical threat is included in the analysis process. Further, the CHS planner must be intimately familiar with the development of the tactical plan to facilitate the CHS mission of clearing the battlefield and providing prompt, effective medical care.



## **ANNEX I**

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLISTS**

#### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST (GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS)**

- ☐ Unit leader receives the mission from next higher headquarters.
  - ☐ Clarifies any questions.
  - ☐ Coordinates with next higher headquarters as required.
- ☐ Unit leader conducts mission analysis.
- ☐ Unit leader produces the--
  - ☐ Restated mission statement.
  - ☐ Tentative time schedule.
- ☐ Unit leader issues a warning order.
- ☐ Unit members perform readiness, maintenance, and functional checks under supervision of leaders.
  - ☐ Medical equipment sets.
  - ☐ Vehicles.
  - ☐ Night vision devices.
  - ☐ Communications equipment.
  - ☐ Weapons and ammunition.
  - ☐ Field sanitation equipment and supplies.
  - ☐ Any special equipment (such as hoist and/or forest penetrator.)
- ☐ Unit leader makes a tentative plan at a minimum.
  - ☐ Uses estimate of the situation to analyze METT-T information.
  - ☐ Develops COAs.
  - ☐ Wargames COAs.
  - ☐ Decides on COA to be used.
- ☐ Unit leader completes his plan.
- ☐ Unit leader issues his order.
- ☐ Uses sand table and/or sketches to depict plan of support.
- ☐ Unit leader or his designated representative conducts coordination for the mission.
  - ☐ Support requirements.
  - ☐ Current intelligence (to include medical threat) update.
  - ☐ Control measures.
  - ☐ Communications and signal.
  - ☐ Time schedule.
- ☐ Unit leader receives attachments.
  - ☐ Attachments are briefed (such as forward surgical team or CSC elements).



- ☐ Unit leader supervises CHS mission preparation.
  - ☐ Key leaders briefback the unit leader.
  - ☐ Key personnel rehearsals are conducted.
  - ☐ Leaders.
    - ☐ Supervise.
    - ☐ Inspect.
    - ☐ Ensure adequate security.
    - ☐ Conduct brief backs.
    - ☐ Rehearse.
    - ☐ Continue coordination.
- ☐ Unit plans for the support of combat operations.
  - ☐ Analyze--
    - ☐ Patient acquisition and medical evacuation requirements.
    - ☐ Medical treatment (to include hospitalization) and area support requirements.
    - ☐ Preventive medicine requirements
    - ☐ Requirements for water, Class VIII, and other classes of supply.
    - ☐ Requirements for NBC patient treatment and decontamination.
  - ☐ Determine transportation requirements.
- ☐ Unit leader--
  - ☐ Executes a work/rest plan based on priorities of work.
  - ☐ Monitors current situation.
  - ☐ Issues appropriate FRAGOs based on intelligence or operational updates.
  - ☐ Reacts to messages or orders from higher headquarters.
  - ☐ Executes any actions or coordination resulting from change.
- ☐ Unit headquarters remains current on positions and missions of higher headquarters and adjacent units.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SETS**

- ☐ Medical equipment is properly calibrated and serviceable.
- ☐ Medications, reagents, and other time-sensitive supplies are current.
- ☐ All authorized MES are on hand and complete.
- ☐ Each MES has packing list on hand.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR CLASS VIII**

- ☐ Authorized number of days of supply are on hand.
- ☐ Medications, reagents, and other time-sensitive supplies are current.
- ☐ Blood products, if authorized, are on hand.
- ☐ Accountability of controlled substances is maintained.
- ☐ Medical gases are on hand.
- ☐ Medical equipment is on hand and calibrated, as required.



- \_\_\_ Optical fabrication materiel (to include protective mask inserts) is on hand, if appropriate.
- \_\_\_ Medical maintenance/repair support is coordinated.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR GROUND AMBULANCES**

- \_\_\_ Authorized MES are on hand.
- \_\_\_ Medical equipment is complete and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Authorized medical gases (oxygen) are on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Authorized medications are on hand and current.
- \_\_\_ Packing list is available.
- \_\_\_ Strip maps and/or road maps are available.
- \_\_\_ On vehicle equipment (OVM) is on hand.
- \_\_\_ Log book is present and current.
- \_\_\_ All drivers are licensed.
- \_\_\_ Situational awareness equipment (position locator) is on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Communications equipment is on hand, serviceable, and set to the correct frequency.
- \_\_\_ Medical unit identification markers (in accordance with the Geneva Conventions) are displayed.  
(Markers are red on a white background only; camouflaged or subdued markers are not authorized.)

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR AIR AMBULANCES (MEDICAL ASPECTS ONLY)**

- \_\_\_ Authorized MES is on hand.
- \_\_\_ Medical equipment is complete and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Authorized medical gases (oxygen) are on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Rescue hoist/forest penetrator are installed, if required.
- \_\_\_ Authorized medications are on hand and current.
- \_\_\_ Medical unit identification markers (in accordance with the Geneva Conventions) are displayed.  
(Markers are red on a white background only; camouflaged or subdued markers are not authorized.)



### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SUPPORT**

- ☐ All authorized equipment is on hand and serviceable.
- ☐ Individual PVNTMED supplies (such as insect repellent) is issued to soldiers.
- ☐ Individuals trained in the application of PVNTMED measures.
- ☐ Unit field sanitation team trained.
- ☐ Unit field sanitation team supplies are on hand.
- ☐ Provisions for the use of chemical toilets have been coordinated, if appropriate.
- ☐ Waste disposal procedures and facilities have been established.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY**

- ☐ All authorized shelters are on hand and serviceable.
- ☐ All authorized collective protective equipment is on hand and serviceable.
- ☐ Procedures for management of medical waste are established.
- ☐ Provisions for water supply are coordinated.
- ☐ Patient protection measures are instituted (such as patient bunkers).
- ☐ Ambulance turnaround is planned for and established.
- ☐ Area for patient decontamination operations is planned for and established, when required.
- ☐ Camouflage materiel is available if authorized for use.
- ☐ Medical unit identification markers (in accordance with the Geneva Conventions) are on hand.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECK ON NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, AND CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT**

- ☐ Individual protective equipment (CPOG and MOPP) is on hand and serviceable. (One set is issued and the extra set remains in supply.)
- ☐ Protective masks are issued and serviceable.
- ☐ Nerve agent antidote is available and distributed (as required).
- ☐ Convulsant antidote for nerve agent (CANA) is available and distributed (as required).
- ☐ Decontamination apparatus is complete and serviceable.
- ☐ Basic load of decontamination supplies is on hand (M291 skin DECON kits, M295 IEDK, DS2, and super tropical bleach [STB]).



- \_\_\_ Chemical agent alarms are on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ M256A1 detector kits issued.
- \_\_\_ NBC contamination marking kits are distributed.
- \_\_\_ NBC teams are trained and briefed on the current threat and contingency plan.
- \_\_\_ Coordination for patient decontamination team support (nonmedical) is completed.
- \_\_\_ Patient protective wraps are on hand, if authorized.
- \_\_\_ Chemical agent monitors are on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ M8 and M9 detector paper is on hand.
- \_\_\_ M272 detector kits are issued.
- \_\_\_ Replacement filters for protective masks are on hand.
- \_\_\_ Nerve agent pretreatment packets (NAPP) are available.
- \_\_\_ Biological agent prophylaxis/immunizations have been accomplished, if appropriate.
- \_\_\_ Radiac sets (AN/PDR 27, AN/PDR 77, or AN/VDR 2) are on hand.
- \_\_\_ Chemical agent patient treatment MES are on hand or available.
- \_\_\_ Chemical agent patient decontamination MES are on hand or available.
- \_\_\_ Biological sample collection equipment/supplies are available.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT**

- \_\_\_ Inspect binoculars.
- \_\_\_ Inspect camouflage nets and support systems.
- \_\_\_ Inspect night vision devices.
- \_\_\_ Ensure batteries are on hand.
- \_\_\_ Inspect mine detectors.
- \_\_\_ Inspect tentage.
- \_\_\_ Inspect global positioning systems (if available).

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST OF PERSONNEL**

- \_\_\_ Ensure soldiers are in the correct uniform.
- \_\_\_ Ask questions to ensure that soldiers have been briefed on mission and situation.



- \_\_\_ Implement appropriate MOPP level.
- \_\_\_ Check for drivers license.
- \_\_\_ Brief soldiers on operations safety and environmental injuries.
- \_\_\_ Individual equipment is on hand and stowed properly.
- \_\_\_ Soldier fed and briefed on future meal consumption.
- \_\_\_ Identification (ID) tags, ID card, multifunctional automated record card (MARC) are on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Camouflage self and equipment.
- \_\_\_ Work/rest plan implemented.
- \_\_\_ Water discipline plan implemented, if appropriate.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST ON COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

- \_\_\_ Radios are operational (communications check conducted).
- \_\_\_ Telemedicine equipment is available and operational.
- \_\_\_ Speech security equipment functional.
- \_\_\_ Loaded, and one extra battery on hand.
- \_\_\_ Frequencies are set.
- \_\_\_ Matching units are operational.
- \_\_\_ Antennas tied down properly.
- \_\_\_ Connectors clean and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ TA-312 on hand and serviceable. Batteries are on hand.
- \_\_\_ WD-1 on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Manpack sets are complete, batteries are on hand.
- \_\_\_ Switchboard on hand and serviceable.
- \_\_\_ Antennas and remotes are present, batteries are on hand.
- \_\_\_ SOI is available and secured; call signs and frequencies have been disseminated.
- \_\_\_ Perform communications check again.





### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKS FOR VEHICLES**

- ☐ Loads are according to load plan; load plan posted in the vehicle.
- ☐ Hazardous cargo properly identified and stored toward rear of vehicle for easy access and inspection.
- ☐ Ammunition issued and properly stored.
- ☐ Vehicle fuel tank topped off.
- ☐ Package POL products and small arms lubricant present.
- ☐ Water cans full.
- ☐ MREs issued and stowed.
- ☐ First aid kits present and complete.
- ☐ Operators' manuals and lubrication orders are present for the vehicle, radios, and associated equipment.
- ☐ Critical toll and basic issue items (BII) are present.
- ☐ Vehicle dispatch is complete; DA Form 2404 is complete; no deadline deficiencies exist.
- ☐ Before operation PMCS has been completed.

### **PRE-COMBAT CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS**

- ☐ Clean and functional.
- ☐ Cleaning tools/kits, bolts, and ruptured cartridge extractors are present.
- ☐ Range cards are on hand.
- ☐ Ammunition is issued, accounted for, and secured.
- ☐ Magazines issued.
- ☐ Blank adapter installed (if appropriate).
- ☐ Function check has been performed.



## **ANNEX J**

### **REHEARSALS**

#### **REHEARSAL CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ Company and individual platoons conduct rehearsals in four phases.
  - \_\_\_ Phase I. Back brief to the commander prior to the issuance of the platoon order.
  - \_\_\_ Phase II. All company leaders on a sand table. Each phase is discussed, including support to maneuver.
  - \_\_\_ Phase III. Platoon rehearsals of the specific actions that are key to the success of the operation.
  - \_\_\_ Phase IV. Company rehearsal, if time and space permits. Conduct mass casualty situation rehearsals within 24 hours of occupying a new operating site and twice weekly afterwards.

#### **SUMMARY OF REHEARSAL CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ Phase I. Company / Platoon back briefs.
- \_\_\_ Phase II. Sand table. Leaders discuss key actions by phase.
- \_\_\_ Phase III. Platoons rehearse specific actions.
- \_\_\_ Phase IV. Company rehearsal, if time and space permit.



## **ANNEX K**

### **BRIEFING FORMATS**

Once the OPORD is issued, the platoon leader may be required to brief the commander on what he understands the OPORD requirements to be. This ensures that the platoon leader understands what is expected of him and what the support requirements are and, provides the commander the opportunity to provide additional guidance, if required. (This procedure is sometimes referred to as a *briefback*.) The information consists of the—

- ☐ Task organization.
- ☐ Enemy situation.
- ☐ Mission analysis.
  - ☐ Specified tasks.
  - ☐ Implied tasks.
  - ☐ Restrictions/constraints.
- ☐ Key coordinating instructions.
- ☐ Questions or assumptions required for planning.

Once the platoon leader determines how he will support the plan and prior to issuing that guidance to the platoon (platoon order), the platoon leader will brief the commander on what the platoon order will contain. (This process may be referred to as a *backbrief*.)

- ☐ Task organization.
- ☐ Enemy situation.
- ☐ Mission analysis.
  - ☐ Specified tasks.
  - ☐ Implied tasks.
  - ☐ Restrictions/constraints.
- ☐ Restated mission.
- ☐ Concept (by phase).
- ☐ Combat health support plan.
- ☐ Key coordinating instructions.



## ANNEX L

### CONVOY PRE-COMBAT INSPECTIONS

#### CONVOY PRE-COMBAT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**NOTE:** Medical units are normally a part of a CS or CSS convoy. Security for the convoy is provided for by nonmedical units/personnel.

- ☐ Convoy commander issues a warning order.
- ☐ Convoy members concurrently perform readiness, maintenance, and functional checks under supervision of leaders.
  - ☐ Weapons (distribution).
  - ☐ Vehicles (lights, license, BII, fuel levels, water, Class I).
  - ☐ Night vision devices (batteries functional).
  - ☐ Communications equipment (PMCS, frequency, backup plan).
  - ☐ Any special equipment (such as mine detectors).
- ☐ Convoy leader makes a tentative plan.
- ☐ Convoy leader issues his order.
  - ☐ Uses sand table or sketches.
  - ☐ Uses separate sand table or sketch of actions on contact.
- ☐ Convoy leader or his designated representative conducts coordination for his mission.
  - ☐ Fire plan/scheme of maneuver.
  - ☐ Support requirements.
  - ☐ Current Intelligence update.
  - ☐ Control measures.
  - ☐ Command and signal.
  - ☐ Time schedule.
  - ☐ Combat health support en route.
- ☐ Convoy leader supervises the mission preparation.
  - ☐ Key leaders backbrief the convoy commander.
  - ☐ Rehearsals are conducted for actions on contact, air attack, and actions at the release point.
  - ☐ Leaders—
    - ☐ Supervise.
    - ☐ Inspect.
    - ☐ Ensure adequate security.
    - ☐ Rehearse.
- ☐ Convoy leader—
  - ☐ Monitors current situation.
  - ☐ Issues appropriate FRAGOs.
  - ☐ Executes actions or coordination resulting from change.
  - ☐ Remains current on positions and missions of higher, adjacent, and supporting units.



## **ANNEX M**

### **CONVOY LEADER CHECKLIST**

#### **CONVOY CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Where is the start point? Release point?
- ☐ What route is to be used? Alternate routes?
- ☐ Has reconnaissance been made and condition of route determined?
- ☐ Can bridges, tunnels, underpasses, and defiles safely accommodate all loaded vehicles?
- ☐ Are critical points known and listed on strip maps for both primary and alternate routes?
- ☐ What is the size of serials? How are the serials broken down?
- ☐ What is the size of the march units? How are the march units broken down?
- ☐ What is the rate of march? What speed will the pace vehicle travel at?
- ☐ What is the vehicle interval on an open road? In built-up areas? At night? At halts?
- ☐ What type of column will be used? Open (100 meter interval) and/or closed (50 meter interval)?
- ☐ Have provisions been made for refueling, if required?
- ☐ Has a suitable bivouac site been selected, if required?
- ☐ Have suitable rest and field feeding halt areas been selected, if required?
- ☐ Is road movement table needed? Prepared? Submitted?
- ☐ Have convoy clearances been obtained? What date and time?
- ☐ Is escort required and has it been requested?
- ☐ Are spare vehicles available for emergencies?
- ☐ Are vehicles fully serviced, lubricated, cleaned, and ready for loading?
- ☐ Are loads balanced and in accordance with vehicle load plans?
- ☐ Are drivers properly briefed? By whom? When? Strip maps furnished to drivers?
- ☐ Is convoy marked front and rear of each march unit? Is each vehicle marked on sides and hood with convoy number, if required?
- ☐ Are guides in place? Have arrangements been made to post guides and retrieve guides?
- ☐ Are all lights to include blackout lights functioning properly?



- \_\_\_ Are maintenance services along the route alerted to convoy?
- \_\_\_ Is maintenance truck in rear of convoy?
- \_\_\_ Is there a plan for casualties treatment and evacuation?
- \_\_\_ Is higher headquarters informed of convoy estimated time of arrival (ETA)?
- \_\_\_ Is someone appointed in the rear of the convoy to take corrective action, such as to investigate accidents and unusual incidents? Who is the trail officer in charge?
- \_\_\_ Is there a plan for the upload of vehicles? Time, location?
- \_\_\_ Has a feeding plan been established? When, where, and what?
- \_\_\_ Has time been established for formation of convoy? Location? Order?
- \_\_\_ Are elements briefed on actions to be taken if enemy contact occurs?
- \_\_\_ Is the OPORD/road movement order on hand?
- \_\_\_ Has a weather forecast been obtained?
- \_\_\_ Do all personnel have proper clothing and equipment?
- \_\_\_ Is there a communications plan?
- \_\_\_ Are NBC alarms/detectors correctly positioned throughout convoy?
- \_\_\_ Has coordination for security for medical convoy been accomplished with the tactical force commander?



## **ANNEX N**

### **CONVOY COMMANDER'S CHECKLIST**

#### **CONVOY COMMANDER'S CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Start point (SP).
- ☐ Release point (RP).
- ☐ Route (strip map).
- ☐ Departure time.
- ☐ Estimated time of arrival. Reconnaissance.
- ☐ Convoy organization.
  - ☐ Size of march unit/serials.
  - ☐ Type of march.
  - ☐ Rate of march/convoy speed.
    - ☐ Pace.
    - ☐ Maximum speed.
    - ☐ Maximum catch-up speed.
  - ☐ Operating gaps.
    - ☐ Time gaps between march units/serials.
    - ☐ Interval between vehicles.
    - ☐ Open road.
    - ☐ Towns and cities.
    - ☐ At halts.
- ☐ Convoy clearance.
  - ☐ Timely submission to proper agency.
  - ☐ Clearance number chalked on side of vehicles.
  - ☐ Clearance number removed on completion of march.
  - ☐ Vehicle markings.
    - ☐ Convoy flags.
    - ☐ Flashing warning lights on front and rear vehicles.
- ☐ Rest halts.
  - ☐ Location.
  - ☐ Time and duration.
  - ☐ Refueling.
- ☐ Loading.
  - ☐ Time and place.
  - ☐ Report to.
  - ☐ Type/class cargo.
  - ☐ Oversized loads.



- ☐ Unloading.
  - ☐ Time and place.
  - ☐ Report to.
- ☐ Driver briefing.
  - ☐ Responsibility.
  - ☐ Time and place.
  - ☐ Strip map and other route aids.
- ☐ Vehicles.
  - ☐ Services.
  - ☐ Inspected.
  - ☐ Accident/breakdown procedures.
  - ☐ Communications checks (frequencies).
  - ☐ Properly dispatched.
  - ☐ Vehicle on vehicle materiel/highway warning kits.
- ☐ Drivers.
  - ☐ Qualified/valid Standard Form (SF) 46.
  - ☐ Proper uniform.
  - ☐ Strip map issued.
  - ☐ Briefed.
- ☐ Cargo.
  - ☐ Properly loaded and secured/protected from weather.
- ☐ Security measures.
  - ☐ En route.
  - ☐ At halts.
- ☐ Trail.
  - ☐ Wrecker.
  - ☐ Combat health support.
- ☐ Guides.
  - ☐ Position.
  - ☐ Posting and pickup.
- ☐ Military/civil police support.
- ☐ Points of contact along route for CHS and maintenance.
- ☐ Use of lights.
  - ☐ During operation.
  - ☐ Blackout restrictions.
- ☐ Release of trucks.
  - ☐ Time.
  - ☐ Responsibility.
- ☐ Debriefing and after-action review.
  - ☐ Responsibility.
  - ☐ Time and place.





## **ANNEX O**

### **CONVOY COMMANDER'S BRIEFING CHECKLIST**

#### **SITUATION**

- ☐ Friendly forces
- ☐ Supported units
- ☐ Enemy situation

#### **MISSION**

- ☐ Origin
- ☐ Destination

#### **EXECUTION**

- ☐ General organization of the convoy
- ☐ Time Schedule
- ☐ Routes
- ☐ Convoy speed
- ☐ Catch-up speed
- ☐ Vehicle distance (interval)
- ☐ Location and time of rest/meal halts
- ☐ Emergency measures
  - ☐ Breakdown and accident notification/control measures
  - ☐ Use of highway warning kits
  - ☐ Separation from convoy
  - ☐ Ambush
    - ☐ Action of convoy personnel
    - ☐ Action of security personnel
- ☐ Combat health support

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

- ☐ Control measures
- ☐ Uniform of personnel
- ☐ Billeting arrangements
- ☐ Messing arrangements



\_\_\_ Refueling of vehicles

\_\_\_ Servicing of vehicles

### **SAFETY**

\_\_\_ Hazards of route and weather conditions

\_\_\_ Defensive driving principles

\_\_\_ Compliance with civil traffic regulations

\_\_\_ Obedience to civil and military police escorts

\_\_\_ Critical points along route (specify actions to take)

\_\_\_ Seat belt will be worn at all times while operating or riding in a vehicle equipped with seat belts

### **COMMAND AND SIGNAL**

\_\_\_ Location of convoy commander

\_\_\_ Designation and location of assistant convoy commander

\_\_\_ Actions of security forces commander

\_\_\_ March unit/serial commander responsibilities

\_\_\_ Arm and hand signals

\_\_\_ Other signals

\_\_\_ Radio frequencies and call signs for--

\_\_\_ Control personnel

\_\_\_ Security forces commander

\_\_\_ Medical evacuation support



## **ANNEX P**

### **COMMAND POST OPERATIONS**

The command post (CP) is the medical unit commander's principal facility for the C<sup>2</sup> of unit CHS operations.

#### **GENERAL**

- \_\_\_ CP established and staffed by company headquarters.
- \_\_\_ XO ensures CP's smooth operation and commander's ability to track required information.

#### **CP's PURPOSE**

- \_\_\_ Receive, analyze, disseminate information critical to success of the unit mission.
- \_\_\_ Use journal, situation map, informational displays.

#### **JOURNAL**

- \_\_\_ Official chronological record of events of a unit or staff section during a period of time.
  - \_\_\_ Always maintain journal unless otherwise directed by the commander.
  - \_\_\_ Maintain journal on DA Form 1594.
    - \_\_\_ Make entries legible.
    - \_\_\_ Be concise.
    - \_\_\_ Ensure "ACTION" column records actions taken.
- (NOTE: DO NOT write "logged" as a description of action.)

#### **SITUATIONAL MAP**

- \_\_\_ Graphic presentation of current situation.
- \_\_\_ Minimum overlays on the map include—
  - \_\_\_ Operations.
  - \_\_\_ Obstacles.
  - \_\_\_ Combat service support (CSS).
  - \_\_\_ Combat health support (such as treatment facilities, evacuation assets/points, or Class VIII points).
  - \_\_\_ Symbols on map will be according to FM 101-5-1.
- \_\_\_ XO and HQ platoon sergeant ensure all overlays remain up to date.

#### **INFORMATIONAL DISPLAY**

Informational display in form of a chart reflecting information such as—

- \_\_\_ Task organization.
- \_\_\_ Mission.
- \_\_\_ Intent.
- \_\_\_ Operations sketch.
- \_\_\_ Weather and light data.



- \_\_\_ Personnel status.
- \_\_\_ Equipment status
- \_\_\_ Medical evacuation status.
- \_\_\_ Class VIII status.
- \_\_\_ Sensitive items.
- \_\_\_ Communications status.
- \_\_\_ CHS locations.
- \_\_\_ Other information as the commander directs.

### **IMPORTANCE OF JOURNAL, SITUATIONAL MAP, AND INFORMATIONAL DISPLAY**

- \_\_\_ Remember the effect of the information from these three sources on the success of the operation.
- \_\_\_ Information mindlessly recorded or annotated **DOES NOT** provide assistance.
- \_\_\_ Think outside the box.

### **STAFFING**

- \_\_\_ Man the CP 24 hours per day.
- \_\_\_ Ensure minimum of two personnel in CP at all times.
- \_\_\_ Uniform inside the CP is battle dress uniform (BDU) and protective mask; ground all other equipment.
- \_\_\_ Eating not permitted in the CP.
- \_\_\_ Members of the HQ platoon secure chow for those on shift and ensure that they are permitted time to eat.

### **POLICE**

- \_\_\_ Maintain CP in a high state of police.
- \_\_\_ Ensure table tops are cleared unless being worked on.
- \_\_\_ Clear area immediately when work is completed.
- \_\_\_ Each shift ensures all areas are cleared.
- \_\_\_ Each shift reports supplies used to the supply sergeant.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- \_\_\_ Ground personal gear along the side wall of the CP.
- \_\_\_ Clear and store weapons in the weapons rack.
- \_\_\_ Place sensitive items on the top of the rack.



## **ANNEX Q**

### **SITE SELECTION AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPANY AREA**

#### **SITE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Coordinate site selection and receive approval from the appropriate headquarters.
- ☐ Anticipated length of occupancy of the location.
- ☐ Accessibility for ground and air evacuation platforms (near major road networks, accessible from different directions).
- ☐ Away from lucrative military targets.
- ☐ Near expected areas of patient density.
- ☐ Is the site large enough to permit dispersal of the unit and afford sufficient room for ambulance turnaround, patient decontamination operations, and augmentation/reinforcement?
- ☐ Does the site selected provide good hardstand and drainage?
- ☐ What is the impact of the site on communications equipment/capabilities?
- ☐ How much cover and concealment does the site provide?
- ☐ Is there sufficient space for a landing zone? Is there sufficient space downwind of the unit area to establish a landing zone for contaminated aircraft?
- ☐ Is the site easily defensible?

#### **ESTABLISH THE COMPANY AREA CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Company commander finalizes the external layout plan.
  - ☐ Determine a traffic pattern which facilitates the movement of vehicles and equipment and avoids cross-traffic intersections.
  - ☐ Identify an ambulance turnaround point.
  - ☐ Identify helicopter landing zones (conventional and NBC contaminated) which avoid takeoffs and landings over the established company areas.
  - ☐ Determine location of field sanitation facilities (latrines, handwashing facilities, and waste disposal).
  - ☐ Determine location of temporary morgue holding area out of the sight of the treatment area, if required.
  - ☐ Determine location for patient decontamination operations, down wind from company area.
- ☐ Company commander finalizes the internal layout plan.
  - ☐ Determine a traffic pattern which facilitates the movement of vehicles, equipment, and patients.
  - ☐ Adjust the location of operating sections to improve the work flow or security.
  - ☐ Supervise the displacement of squads/teams to forward supported units



- \_\_\_ Treatment platoon sets up AO.
  - \_\_\_ Establish ambulance turnaround point.
  - \_\_\_ Establish communications with company switchboard.
  - \_\_\_ Employ power generation equipment.
  - \_\_\_ Set up platoon bivouac area.
  - \_\_\_ Prepare treatment squads for forward deployment, if required.
  - \_\_\_ Position supplies and equipment in accordance with layout plan.
  - \_\_\_ Protect supplies and equipment.
  - \_\_\_ Establish triage area.
  - \_\_\_ Set up areas for treatment squads in accordance with layout plan.
  - \_\_\_ Set up area for dental and laboratory services, if applicable.
  - \_\_\_ Set up area for x-ray services; ensure radiation safety area is clearly marked.
  - \_\_\_ Set up medical equipment.
  - \_\_\_ Set up dental, laboratory, and x-ray equipment, if applicable.
  - \_\_\_ Check equipment for serviceability and update calibration in accordance with appropriate technical manuals or manufacturer's instructions.
  - \_\_\_ Establish patient holding area.
  - \_\_\_ Camouflage area, when directed by appropriate authority.
  - \_\_\_ Report to company CP when area is operational.
  - \_\_\_ Designate area for patient decontamination operations, if required.
- \_\_\_ Ambulance platoon sets up AO.
  - \_\_\_ Establish landing zone in accordance with layout plan.
  - \_\_\_ Position ambulances. Ensure first up ambulance is prepared for dispatch.
  - \_\_\_ Ensure medical equipment set is complete.
  - \_\_\_ Perform PMCS on ambulances and equipment.
  - \_\_\_ Coordinate communications with supported units.
  - \_\_\_ Field site ambulances with supported units, when required.
  - \_\_\_ Coordinate for AXPs, as required.
  - \_\_\_ Establish platoon bivouac area.
  - \_\_\_ Camouflage area when directed by appropriate authority.
- \_\_\_ Headquarters platoon sets up AO.
  - \_\_\_ Communications specialist establishes wire and FM communications.
  - \_\_\_ Set up company CP according to the layout plan.
  - \_\_\_ Set up medical and unit supply according to the layout plan.



## ANNEX R

### PRIORITIES OF WORK

#### PRIORITIES OF WORK CHECKLIST

NLT TIME	ACTION	AGENT
NLT O+1	Establish perimeter, provide security	All
	Cover/concealment of vehicles and equipment	All
	First up ambulance is mission ready	AMB PLT
	Send out LP/OP	SEL PLT
	CDR/1SG position weapons	CDR/1SG
	LDRs coordinate with adjacent platoons	PLT LDRs
	CDR assigns platoon sectors	CDR
	CO HQ lays wire to BN TOC	COMMO
	Sections lay wire to CO TOC	PLTs
	All land line nets are up	COMMO
	Limited treatment capability achieved	TRMT PLT
	Emplace M-8 alarms 150m upwind of CO	NBC
	LZ identified	AMB PLT
NLT O+2	OE-254S emplaced/FM, land line, and DNVF up	COMMO
NLT O+3	Company CP established	HQ PLT
	LZ established, grid reported to CP and BN TOC	AMB PLT
	Operations area established	TRMT PLT
	Priority is:	
	Triage area.	
	Treatment area	
	Pnt decon area	
	Pnt holding X-ray/Lab area	
	Dental area	
NLT O+4	CDR assigns sectors of fire	CDR
	Construct fighting positions	PLTs
	Prepare range card/emplace sector stakes	PLTs
	Prepare obstacles and early warning devices	PLTs
	Turn in initial sector sketches to the CO CP	PLTs
NLT O+6	NBC harden the company area	NBC
	Turn in updated sector sketches	PLTs
NLT O+8	Company 100% established and operational	CDR
	Establish sleep area/begin sleep plan	1SG
	Notify BN TOC of MASCAL rehearsal time	TRMT/CDR
	Identify assembly areas	CDR
	Establish and inspect field sanitation points	FS TM LDR
	Conduct route reconnaissance, if required	AMB PLT LDR



## **ANNEX S**

### **DEFEND ASSIGNED AREA CHECKLIST**

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- \_\_\_ *Positioning.*
  - \_\_\_ Place defensive perimeter inside a woodline to maximize cover and concealment.
  - \_\_\_ Place a section perimeter at least 35 meters (hand grenade range) from its vehicles and sleep areas.
- \_\_\_ *Fighting Positions.*
  - \_\_\_ Arrange fighting positions normally in a "Lazy W" configuration.
  - \_\_\_ Arrange so that positions are mutually supporting. (*A direct attack on a single fighting position must be able to be supported by direct fire from two other positions.*)
  - \_\_\_ Ensure distance between positions makes maximum use of terrain for dispersion.
  - \_\_\_ Locate positions outside of hand grenade range of one another.
  - \_\_\_ Stagger positions alternately along the perimeter to achieve depth in the "Lazy W."
- \_\_\_ *Range Cards.*
  - \_\_\_ Prepare range cards for each primary and alternate position.
  - \_\_\_ Place range cards by the firing stakes unless the position is not manned at that time.
- \_\_\_ *Section Sector Sketch.*
  - \_\_\_ The platoon leader's section sketch includes—
    - \_\_\_ All individual positions identified by individual.
    - \_\_\_ All dead space to their front.
    - \_\_\_ LP/OP positions.
    - \_\_\_ Wire and obstacles.
    - \_\_\_ Adjacent section positions to left and right.
    - \_\_\_ Supplementary positions.
  - \_\_\_ Each platoon will:
    - \_\_\_ Turn-in initial sector sketches within one hour of arrival.
    - \_\_\_ Update as required by priorities of work.
- \_\_\_ *Wire Obstacles.*
  - \_\_\_ *Tactical wire.*
    - \_\_\_ Place tactical wire in section sectors for a minimum of 50 meters.
    - \_\_\_ Ensure tactical wire consists of triple strand concertina wire with a single strand of barbed wire run along the top row of wire and another anchoring the base of the friendly side.
    - \_\_\_ Hang concertina wire on long pickets tied together with communications wire to avoid breaks.
    - \_\_\_ Anchor wire on each end by a short picket.
  - \_\_\_ *Protective Wire.*
    - \_\_\_ String protective wire in front of individual fighting positions.
    - \_\_\_ String protective wire outside hand grenade range of positions not less than 35 meters to the front.





\_\_\_ *Techniques.*

- \_\_\_ Start tactical wire 25-30 meters from the muzzle of the weapon.
- \_\_\_ Lay in tactical wire with a stake string tied to the muzzle of the weapon.
- \_\_\_ Use wire obstacle to confuse the enemy as well as stop, impede, or canalize the enemy's force.
- \_\_\_ Place single strand concertina wire/barbed wire between trees.
- \_\_\_ Improve the wire/barbed wire later with tangle foot.

\_\_\_ *Work Considerations.*

- \_\_\_ Keep troops in uniform.
- \_\_\_ One soldier works; one rests or provides security.
- \_\_\_ Ensure troops keep personal gear/weapons within reach at all times.
- \_\_\_ Conceal range cards and other relative object.
- \_\_\_ Maintain effective light discipline.

### STAND TO CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ NLT \_\_\_\_, the on-shift duty section will awaken the Food Service Sergeant.
- \_\_\_ Food Service SGT will awaken food service personnel.
- \_\_\_ Food Service section will have meal prepared and ready to serve NLT 0630.
- \_\_\_ Hot water for soldiers use during personal hygiene time will be prepared by food service section and ready for use NLT 0600.
- \_\_\_ The duty section will awaken all officers/senior NCOs; senior NCOs will awaken all soldiers maintaining strict noise and light discipline. Generators will be turned off.
- \_\_\_ Personnel occupy defensive positions. Radios/land communications are monitored. Plt Ldr/SGTs check all positions and obstacles in sector. Section leaders/NCOs will report personnel and equipment accountability status to unit commander/1SG upon completion of Stand To.
- \_\_\_ Operators/assistant operators and supervisors perform PMCS using appropriate -10 series manuals on vehicles, weapons, generators, and communications equipment. Vehicle headlights and windshields will be cleaned.
- \_\_\_ Operator completes DA Form 2404 (as a minimum, the date and driver's initials will be entered if no faults are found). Uncorrectable faults will be noted on the DA Form 2404 at this time.
- \_\_\_ DA Form 2404 showing corrected faults (if any) will be given to the company maintenance sergeant by section NCOs.
- \_\_\_ Company maintenance sections will spot check vehicles to ensure that maintenance is being performed and lend assistance if appropriate.
- \_\_\_ After PMCS is performed, start all engines immediately, if necessary.
- \_\_\_ Recommended time for completion of Stand To activities.



## ANNEX T

### MEDICAL EVACUATION

#### DEFINITION OF TERMS

*Casualty*--Any person who is lost to his organization by reason of having been declared dead, wounded, injured, diseased, interned, captured, retained, missing, missing in action, beleaguered, besieged, or detained.

*Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC)*--the movement of sick, injured, or wounded soldiers by nonmedical vehicles to a medical treatment facility. The casualty receives no medical care en route. It may also be referred to as *casualty transportation*.

*Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC)*--the movement of sick, injured, or wounded soldiers in medical vehicles with the provision of **en route medical care** to a medical treatment facility.

*Patient*--A sick, injured, or wounded soldier who receives medical care or treatment from medically trained personnel. (**NOTE:** Once a casualty has been acquired by the CHS chain [treated by a medic], he is referred to as a *patient*.)

#### EVACUATION CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ Consider these factors with METT-T when planning patient evacuation:
  - \_\_\_ The brigade's plan for employment of combat troops.
  - \_\_\_ Expected areas of patient density.
  - \_\_\_ Evacuation resources available.
  - \_\_\_ Location and type of MTFs available terrain and road networks.
  - \_\_\_ Weather conditions.
  - \_\_\_ Location of patient collecting points.
  - \_\_\_ Location of AXP's.
  - \_\_\_ Primary and alternate routes of evacuation.
  - \_\_\_ Lines of patient drift.
- \_\_\_ The primary means of evacuation is by ground ambulance. The preferred means of evacuation is by air ambulance when corps assets are available.
- \_\_\_ Evacuate patients by the mode of transportation which most nearly meets the treatment demands of their wound.
  - \_\_\_ Remember the METT-T restrictions.
  - \_\_\_ Move patient no further to the rear than is necessary to obtain the medical care which will return them to duty.
  - \_\_\_ Determine the patient's disposition by the treating element.
- \_\_\_ The medical company is responsible for evacuating from the combat team's medical platoons (battalion aid stations).
  - \_\_\_ The key to successful evacuation is the medical company remaining in proximity of and maintaining communications with it's supported elements.
- \_\_\_ Ambulances will normally be prepositioned forward to facilitate rapid evacuation based on METT-T.
- \_\_\_ Army Medical Department (AMEDD) aircraft and ground ambulances will only be used for the movement of patients, medical personnel, and medical supplies and equipment.



- \_\_\_ All medical units will monitor and conduct medical evacuation using the division designated medical evacuation frequency. This frequency will be published in the OPLAN\OPORD.
- \_\_\_ Priority of evacuation/medical care will always be conducted according to triage category regardless of patient origin.
- \_\_\_ Prior to all operations, establish and rehearse an evacuation plan that includes the following at a minimum:
  - \_\_\_ Primary and alternate channels to be used in submitting MEDEVAC requests.
  - \_\_\_ Primary and alternate routes.
  - \_\_\_ Evacuation platforms available.
  - \_\_\_ Location of all MTFs and their capabilities.
  - \_\_\_ Actions and assets available in the event of a mass casualty situation.
- \_\_\_ Evacuation categories.

**URGENT.** Is assigned to emergency cases that should be evacuated as soon as possible and within a maximum of 2 hours to save life, limb, or eyesight and to prevent complications of serious illness, or to avoid permanent disability.

**URGENT SURGICAL.** Is assigned to patients who must receive far forward surgical intervention to save life and stabilize for further evacuation.

**PRIORITY.** Is assigned to sick and wounded personnel requiring prompt medical care. This precedence is used when the individual should be evacuated within 4 hours or his medical condition could deteriorate to such a degree that he will become an URGENT precedence, or whose requirements for special treatment are not available locally, or who will suffer unnecessary pain or disability.

**ROUTINE.** Is assigned to sick and wounded personnel requiring evacuation but whose condition is not expected to deteriorate significantly. The sick and wounded in this category should be evacuated within 24 hours.

**CONVENIENCE.** Is assigned to patients for whom evacuation by medical vehicle is a matter of convenience rather than necessity.

- \_\_\_ MEDEVAC requests.
  - \_\_\_ Submit by the most direct means available to the supporting medical unit.
  - \_\_\_ Submit using the nine-line format and brevity codes as required in FM 8-10-6.
  - \_\_\_ Submit by secure means and/or encrypt..
- \_\_\_ Evacuation in an immature theater.
  - \_\_\_ May have to be accomplished by C-130 backhaul to the CONUS.
  - \_\_\_ Coordinate aircraft through the brigade aeromedical evacuation liaison team (AELT).
  - \_\_\_ Prepare DD Form 601, Patient Evacuation Manifest, and DD Form 602, Patient Evacuation Tag.
    - \_\_\_ The treatment platoon is responsible for procuring, stocking, and completing these forms.
    - \_\_\_ Keep one copy of DD Form 601 and DD Form 602 on file with the MTF.
    - \_\_\_ Complete these forms IAW FM 8-10-6.



## **ANNEX U**

### **MEDICAL EVACUATION SUPPORT PLAN CHECKLIST**

#### **MEDICAL EVACUATION SUPPORT CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Evaluation of COA's prior decision.
- ☐ Mission statement/commander's intent/task organization.
- ☐ IPB considerations.
- ☐ Casualty estimates (by company phase).
- ☐ Location of:
  - ☐ Platoon patient collecting points. (PCPs)
  - ☐ Company PCP.
  - ☐ BAS: Trmt TM 1/Trmt TM 2.
  - ☐ AXP.
  - ☐ FSMC/MSMC.
- ☐ Evacuation routes.
  - ☐ Primary and alternate.
  - ☐ Trafficability (condition, obstacles, overhangs).
  - ☐ Security.
  - ☐ Strip maps.
  - ☐ Overlays
- ☐ LZs designated for air ambulances.
- ☐ Platoon/Company/TF litter teams designated.
  - ☐ Collocated with PCPs.
  - ☐ Type of litter (NATO standard, SKED).
- ☐ Evacuation assets available (requested/prepositioned)
  - ☐ Ground ambulance (2 & 4 litters).
  - ☐ Nonmedical transportation vehicles.
  - ☐ Aircraft (UH-1/UH-60A/CH-47)
- ☐ Medical evacuation support plan for units without CHS resources.
  - ☐ Combat lifesavers.
  - ☐ Augmentation requested from FSMC/MSMC.
  - ☐ Evacuation.
  - ☐ Personnel.
  - ☐ Equipment.
  - ☐ Other.



- \_\_\_ Mass casualty plan (resourced/rehearsed/coordinated).
  - \_\_\_ Litter bearers.
  - \_\_\_ Combat lifesavers.
  - \_\_\_ Vehicles.
  - \_\_\_ Class VIII (medical supplies).
- \_\_\_ Class VIII resupply (prepackaged)
  - \_\_\_ Combat lifesaver.
  - \_\_\_ Combat medic.
  - \_\_\_ BAS.
- \_\_\_ Communications (Call sign/frequency).
  - \_\_\_ Company/battalion command net.
  - \_\_\_ FSB & FSMC command net.
- \_\_\_ Personal effects, weapons, equipment & property exchange.
- \_\_\_ NBC casualty plan.
  - \_\_\_ Location of decontamination site.
  - \_\_\_ Personnel augmentation.
- \_\_\_ Enemy personnel casualty plan.

**MEDEVAC REQUEST FORMAT**

<b>LINE</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BREVITY CODES</b>
1	LOCATION OF PICKUP SITE	
2	FREQUENCY/CALL SIGN OF PICKUP SITE	
3	NUMBER OF PATIENTS BY PRECEDENCE	A - URGENT B - URGENT SURG C - PRIORITY D - ROUTINE E - CONVENIENCE
4	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	A - NONE B - HOIST C - EXTRACTION D - VENTILATOR
5	NUMBER OF PATIENTS BY TYPE	L + # LITTER A + # AMBULATORY
6	SECURITY OF PICKUP SITE	N - NO ENEMY P - POSSIBLE ENEMY E - ENEMY IN AREA X - ARMED ESCORT NEEDED
7	METHOD OF MARKING PICKUP SITE	A - PANELS B - PYROTECHNICS C - SMOKE D - NONE E - OTHER
8	PNT NATIONALITY AND STATUS	A - US MILITARY B - US CIVILIAN C - NON US MILITARY D - NON US CIVILIAN E - EPW
9	NBC CONTAMINATION	N - NUCLEAR B - BIOLOGICAL C - CHEMICAL



### ESTABLISH BATTALION PATIENT COLLECTING POINT

- \_\_\_ Site Selection.
  - \_\_\_ Ensure that the site selection is:
    - \_\_\_ Easily secured.
    - \_\_\_ Known by all soldiers.
    - \_\_\_ Near friendly routes of movement.
    - \_\_\_ Area protected from enemy by friendly forces.
    - \_\_\_ Provided with the means for cover and concealment.
    - \_\_\_ Spacious enough to contain casualties.
    - \_\_\_ Building of opportunity (MOUT [school, hangar, theater]).
    - \_\_\_ Communication capable.
  - \_\_\_ **NOTE: Select an alternate site.**
- \_\_\_ Manage PCP Operations, if site is manned..

### BATTALION PCP COMBAT CONSIDERATIONS IN MEDICAL EVACUATION CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ Plan for employment of combat forces (tactical commanders).
- \_\_\_ Know anticipated patient load.
- \_\_\_ Know expected areas of patient density.
- \_\_\_ Plan for patient conditions.
- \_\_\_ Know availability of medical evacuation resources.
- \_\_\_ Know location and type of medical treatment facilities available.
- \_\_\_ Be familiar with road/route network.
- \_\_\_ Be aware of probable weather conditions.

### MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE BATTLE FIELD CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ Maintain radio contact with the BN PCP.
- \_\_\_ Find and collect the wounded.
- \_\_\_ Perform triage when necessary.
- \_\_\_ Administer EMT.
- \_\_\_ Initiate or complete the US Field Medical Card (FMC).
- \_\_\_ Evacuate casualties to the BN CCP.
- \_\_\_ Direct or guide ambulatory patients to the BN CCP.
- \_\_\_ Resupply company medics with Class VIII supplies.



## ANNEX V

### EVACUATION CAPABILITIES

USAF	LITTER	AMBULATORY
<b>TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT</b>		
C-130 HERCULES##	70	85
C-9A NIGHTINGALE*	40	40
combination of 15 litter and 24 ambulatory		
C-141B STARLIFTER##	103	147
C-5 GALAXY##		70
C-17A##		48 plus 44 ambulatory
<b>CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET (CRAF)</b>		
BOEING 767 (B-767)	111**	
<b>US ARMY</b>		
<b>Ground vehicles</b>		
M886/893 TRUCK, AMBULANCE*	4	8
M1010 TRUCK, AMBULANCE*	4	8
BUS, MOTOR, 44 PASSENGER*	18	37
M113 CARRIER, AMBULANCE*	4	10
(CAUTION: Spall liner must be removed.)		
M880/890 AND M1008 TRUCK	5	8
M996TRUCK, HMMWV		
AMBULANCE (MINI-NONEXPANDED)*	2	0
M996 TRUCK HMMWV AMBULANCE		
(MINI EXPANDED)*	2	6
TRUCK CARGO 2 ½ TON, 5 TON*	12	16
M997 TRUCK HMMWV AMBULANCE (MAXI)*	4	8
M998 TRUCK, CARGO/TROOP CARRIER	3	5
<b>Fixed-Wing Aircraft</b>		
U-21 UTE	3	10
C-12 HURON		8
<b>Rotary-Wing Aircraft</b>		
CH-47D CHINOOK	24	33
UH-60A/Q BLACKHAWK	6 + 1 ambulatory	7#
UH-1H/V IROQUOIS	6	9
<b>Rail Transport</b>		
Pullman Car (US)	32	48
<b>US Army Rail Transport (Continued)</b>		
SLEEPING CAR (NATO/HOST		
NATION SUPPORT	32	48
AMBULANCE RAILWAY CAR		
(NATO/HOST NATION SUPPORT)	24	30
AMBULANCE RAILWAY CAR,		
PERSONNEL	21	21
RAIL BUS	40 + 16 ambulatory	





US NAVY	LITTER	AMBULATORY
<b>Ships and watercraft</b>		
T-AH 19, USNS MERCY	1000###	1000###
T-AH 20, USNS COMFORT	1000###	1000###
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP (LHD)(MULTIPURPOSE)##, ###, &, && (Casualty receiving ship (CRTS) (Receives both helicopter and waterborne casualties)	604	604
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP (LHA) (GENERAL PURPOSE)## ### (Receives both helicopter and waterborne casualties)	367	367
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP (LPH)(Helicopter) (CRTS)##, ###, &, &&	222	222
AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORT DOCK (LPD) ## (Could be designated as an emergency or overflow CRTS)	14	14
DOCK LANDING SHIP (LSD) ## ### (Only newer LSDs (Class 41 and newer ships) have limited for use as emergency or overflow CRTS. They do not have dental capability.)	108	108
AMPHIBIOUS CARGO SHIP (LKA) ## (Medical officer assigned. Could support fleet surgical team (21 person medical augmentation team). The number of potential patient care beds are limited. Not suitable as CRTS. No dental capability.)	12	12



	LITTER	AMBULATORY
TANK LANDING SHIP (LST) (Extremely limited medical capability and no dental capability. The large tank deck [designated for vehicle stowage] offers potential use as a casualty treatment space if an appropriate shelter is installed. The obvious advantage is in its ability to reach the beach. Elements of a fleet surgical team could be used to provide personnel and equipment for this potential use. Used in mass casualty situations.)		
AMPHIBIOUS COMMAND SHIP (LCC) (The LCC has adequate medical facilities to care for embarked personnel. Its mission and limited bed capacity preclude its use as a CRTS. The amphibious task force surgeon, landing force surgeon, and other key medical staff officers are normally located on an LCC during operations.)	24	24
<b>Rotary-wing aircraft</b>		
CH-46 SEA KNIGHT**	15	25
CH-53D SEA STALLION**	24	55 with center line seating installed
V-22 OSPREY	12	24

**LEGEND**

- \* Requires onboard medical attendants and equipment.
- \*\* Configured for litter patients only.
- \*\*\* Maximum capacity litter or ambulatory.
- # Ambulatory patient figure for UH-60A is 15 if litter kit is not installed.
- ## Naval vessels and aircraft and USAF cargo aircraft in most situations require on board medical attendants and equipment.
- ### Figures for litter and ambulatory patients are the same since all patients require a bunk.
- & These capacities require any Marines on board to be disembarked to shore.
- && These capacities will require Navy personnel augmentation packages (similar to PROFIS) on board. The majority of each of these capacities consists of overflow beds.



## **ANNEX W**

### **Landing Zone Operations**

#### **LZ OPERATIONS CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ **General**
  - \_\_\_ Operate all field expedient landing zones IAW FM 8-10-6.
  - \_\_\_ The ambulance platoon:
    - \_\_\_ Proponent within the company for aeromedical evacuation.
    - \_\_\_ Tasked to establish and operate the medical company LZ.
    - \_\_\_ Headquarters element should be prepared to assist.
- \_\_\_ **Safety**
  - \_\_\_ At all times take all necessary safety precautions.
  - \_\_\_ The ambulance platoon is responsible for providing all safety gear required to run an LZ.
    - Included are:
      - \_\_\_ Safety goggles.
      - \_\_\_ VS-17 panels.
      - \_\_\_ Chemical lights.
      - \_\_\_ Smoke.
- \_\_\_ **Marking the LZ**
  - \_\_\_ Use an inverted "Y" to mark the LZ.
  - \_\_\_ During daylight, camouflage the LZ so the VS-17 panels can't be seen from the air.
  - \_\_\_ At night, emplace chemical lights only when an air ambulance is confirmed as inbound.
- \_\_\_ **Landing requirement for light helicopters**
  - \_\_\_ Minimum real estate required is a cleared area 30 meters in diameter.
  - \_\_\_ Area must have an approach and departure zone clear of obstructions and not over the established company area.



## **ANNEX X**

### **Mass Casualty Operations**

#### **MASCAL OPERATIONS CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ A MASCAL exists any time the patient load exceeds the treatment or evacuation capabilities of a unit.
- \_\_\_ Upon notification of a MASCAL, the medical company commander will immediately assess the situation to determine what support is required.
- \_\_\_ The medical company commander will then notify the battalion TOC and identify to them the required support. If required, the CHSO will notify the brigade if support requirements exceed that of the BSA.
- \_\_\_ The medical company commander will then notify the DMOC to ensure that they are aware of the situation and can assist in shifting assets, if required.

#### **PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

- \_\_\_ Planning considerations for MASCAL situations include but are not limited to:
  - \_\_\_ Establishing a control element to control all activities and provide informational updates. Normally conducted by the MED CO CP.
  - \_\_\_ Securing the area and limiting access to essential medical personnel.
  - \_\_\_ Establishing triage, treatment, and holding areas. Might not be at the medical company. May require forward positioning.
  - \_\_\_ Marking routes for vehicles.
  - \_\_\_ Orienting all personnel working in the MTF on stations. Markings and requirements to be accomplished during the MASCAL.
  - \_\_\_ Organizing medical and non-medical personnel for staffing of the different areas.
  - \_\_\_ Ensuring an adequate blood supply and/or other class VIII items are available.

#### **SUPPORT**

- \_\_\_ The CHSO will assist the medical company commander in requesting all necessary support. The BSA commander will support the MASCAL with the following support:
  - \_\_\_ Litter teams from the BSA tenant units.
  - \_\_\_ Security for ground ambulances. Provided by the MP platoon., chemical platoon, or internal BSA assets.
  - \_\_\_ Non-standard evacuation platforms such as 5 tons, HMMWVS, or other vehicles as required for patient evacuation. The medical company will normally have 3 5 ton vehicles already prepared for the event.

#### **THE BSA COMMANDER**

- \_\_\_ The BSA commander will assist in procuring BSA external support as required.
  - \_\_\_ Aeromedical evacuation platforms as well as non-standard air platforms will be utilized to their fullest extent possible.
  - \_\_\_ Gunship escorts for the air platforms must also be arranged.



### TRIAGE

- \_\_\_ Patients will be triaged into one of four treatment categories.  
This will normally be conducted by the dental officer (marked w/blue chemlight at night).
- \_\_\_ To ease a non-medical person's ability to recognize these categories, coded signs will be utilized.
- \_\_\_ During the hours of darkness, colored chemlights will be utilized.
- \_\_\_ During daylight hours, the first letter of each word will be shown on a plywood sign.

IMMEDIATE	=	1	=	BLUE
DELAYED	=	D	=	YELLOW
MINIMAL	=	M	=	WHITE
EXPECTANT	=	E	=	GREEN

- \_\_\_ Each of the treatment category stations will have a medic in charge of that station to provide care to those soldiers until they are treated by a physician.

### PERSONNEL

- \_\_\_ Two personnel pools will be established, one for medical and one for nonmedical personnel.
- \_\_\_ All personnel will be marked to aid identification during the MASCAL.
- \_\_\_ Medical personnel will wear the Red Cross brassard on their left sleeve.
- \_\_\_ Nonmedical personnel will wear white engineer tape on their left sleeve and will write their duty position on it (i.e., litter bearer, messenger, etc.).
- \_\_\_ Someone will be placed in charge of the two areas to ensure the work-rest cycle is enforced and all stations are adequately manned.
- \_\_\_ Patients triaged into the minimal category should be used to the fullest extent possible to act as messengers, litter bearers, or guides. This ensures that all medical personnel are freed to perform medical tasks.

### PATIENT ACCOUNTABILITY

- \_\_\_ Patient accountability is critical during a MASCAL.
- \_\_\_ If the patient load exceeds the medical companies' ability to adequately log all incoming casualties, a number system will be used.
- \_\_\_ Casualties will be identified by a number.
- \_\_\_ That identification number will be recorded on the FMC and all treatment and medications will be recorded on the FMC.
- \_\_\_ As the MASCAL begins to resolve, all required information can be obtained, and proper accountability can be regained.



- \_\_\_ At no time, will a casualty be evacuated from the medical company without the following information being known:
  - \_\_\_ Name.
  - \_\_\_ Rank.
  - \_\_\_ SSN.
  - \_\_\_ Unit.
  - \_\_\_ Diagnosis.
  - \_\_\_ Destination.
  - \_\_\_ Evacuation category.

### **EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

- \_\_\_ When the medical company is notified what units are involved in the MASCAL, those units who are operation in the BSA will be notified.
- \_\_\_ These units will send an S1 representative and an S4 representative to assist in personnel and equipment accountability.
- \_\_\_ All equipment accountability will be headed up by the medical company headquarters element.
- \_\_\_ All equipment will be tagged and returned to the casualty's unit's field trains.

### **CONTAMINATED PATIENTS**

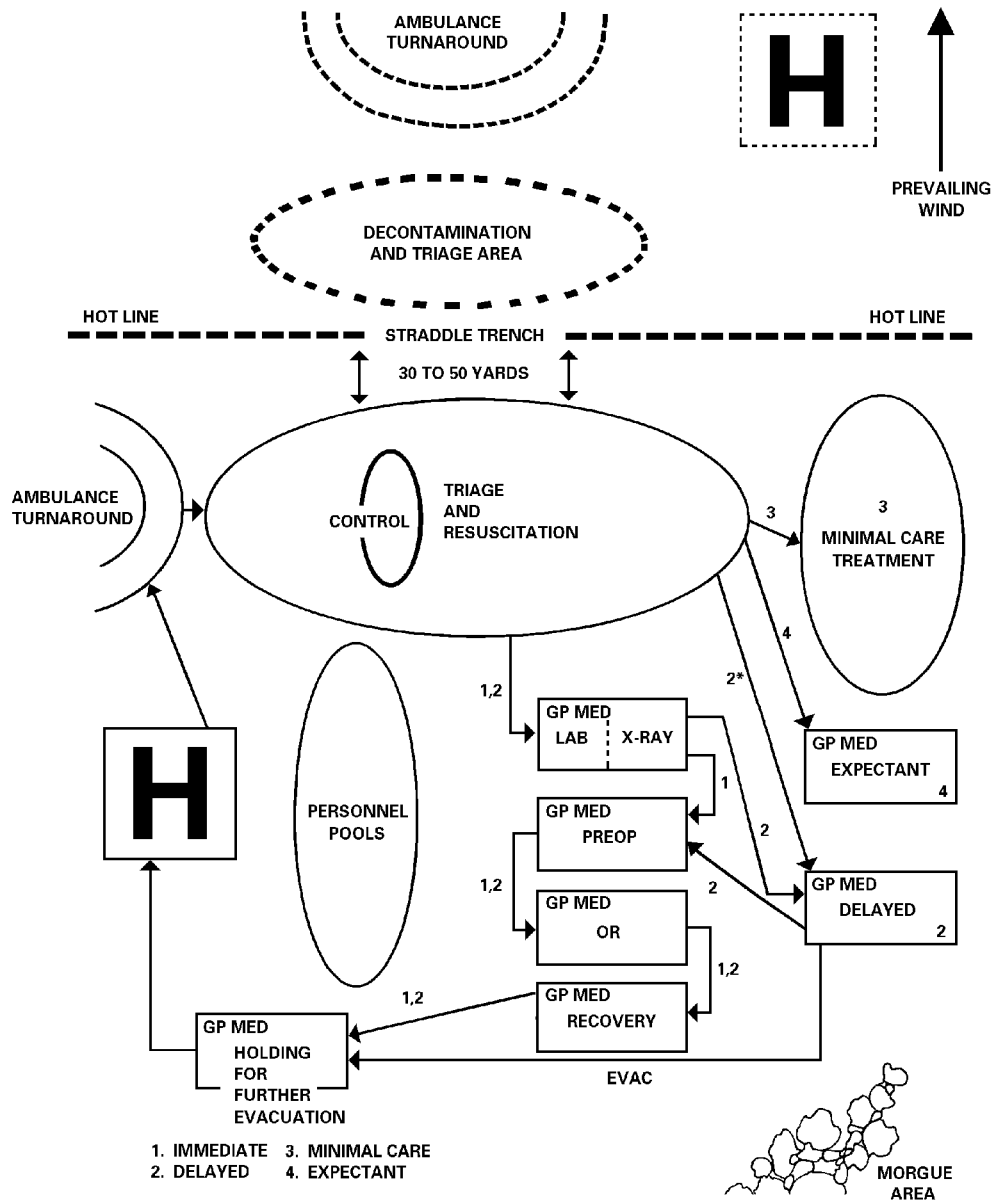
- \_\_\_ All initial triage, EMT, and decontamination will be accomplished on the dirty side of the hot line.
- \_\_\_ Life sustaining care will be provided regardless of NBC contamination.
- \_\_\_ Secondary triage, ATM, and patient disposition are accomplished on the clean side of the hot line.

### **DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

- \_\_\_ If required, a temporary morgue will be established by the medical company.
- \_\_\_ This is only to be used by the medical company to hold those casualties who are DOA to the MTF or DOW.
- \_\_\_ This temporary morgue will be established out of sight of all triage and treatment areas.
- \_\_\_ If possible, the area will be established behind a natural barrier. This only a holding area.
- \_\_\_ The FMC must still be completed by a physician. Remains will be held until mortuary affairs (MA) is notified and secures the remains.

### **REHEARSALS**

- \_\_\_ The response to the MASCAL situation must be rehearsed.
- \_\_\_ Conducting rehearsals will ensure that all personnel are clear on what their duties entail and what their actions are.
- \_\_\_ Rehearsals will be conducted within 24 hours of occupying a new operating site and twice weekly afterwards.





## **ANNEX Y**

### **COLD WEATHER INJURIES**

Although medical personnel are more familiar with the signs and symptoms of cold injuries than soldiers without a medical background, it is still imperative that medical unit leaders stress cold injury prevention and field expedient techniques for managing cold injuries in the field.

- \_\_\_ Protect soldier health through informed leadership.
- \_\_\_ Know current temperature, wind chill factor; plan accordingly.
- \_\_\_ Enforce cold injury prevention.
- \_\_\_ Observe soldiers with history of cold injury.
- \_\_\_ Conduct cold injury prevention training annually.
- \_\_\_ Ensure all soldiers have adequate cold weather clothing.

#### **RECOGNITION OF COLD INJURIES**

- \_\_\_ General hypothermia—caused by prolonged cold exposure, fatigue, and exhaustion—resulting in rapid loss of body heat.
- \_\_\_ Non-freezing cold injuries—associated with exposure to water or damp conditions and cold temperatures.
  - Chilblain . . . . . intermittent exposure to high humidity and temperatures above freezing.
  - Immersion foot . . . exposure greater than 12 hours in water above 50° F.
  - Trench foot . . . . . exposure to cold and wetness from just above freezing to 50° F.
  - Frostbite . . . . . caused by freezing temperatures.

#### **COLD INJURY PREVENTION**

- \_\_\_ Wear or carry adequate clothing.
- \_\_\_ Wear clothing and footgear in loose layers.
- \_\_\_ Protect hands and ears. **DO NOT** touch metal, snow, or other objects with bare hands.
- \_\_\_ Avoid immobilization when the tactical situation permits.
- \_\_\_ Keep dry.
- \_\_\_ Use the buddy system and observe for signs and symptoms.

#### **PREVENTIVE MEDICINE MEASURES**

- \_\_\_ Provide warming tents, hot beverages, and soups for the troops when the situation dictates. **AVOID CAFFEINE.**
- \_\_\_ Use the windchill chart and plan accordingly.





### FROSTBITE CHECKLIST

- a. *Signs/symptoms:*
- ☐ Redness, grey, or waxy skin.
  - ☐ Numb or itchy skin.
  - ☐ Areas of skin unnaturally firm.
  - ☐ Tender or swollen skin.
- b. *Action:*
- ☐ Shelter victim; keep warm with clothing or body heat, unless individual must walk.
  - ☐ Remove clothing from affected part; wrap loosely in dry sterile dressing, unless individual must walk.
  - ☐ **DO NOT** massage area or break blisters.
  - ☐ **Evacuate the individual to the MTF** (treat as litter casualty, if possible).

### HYPOTHERMIA/COLD WEATHER INJURY CHECKLIST

- a. *Signs/symptoms:*
- ☐ Lowered body temperature.
  - ☐ Violent uncontrolled shivering.
  - ☐ Lack of coordination.
  - ☐ Memory loss.
  - ☐ Irrationality.
  - ☐ Lethargy.
  - ☐ Slurred speech.
- b. *Action:*
- ☐ Move victim to sheltered area, cover, and warm.
  - ☐ Have conscious patient to drink warm liquids.
  - ☐ Replace wet clothing with dry, if possible.
  - ☐ Use sleeping bag to insulate patient from ground.
  - ☐ Keep patient awake and drinking fluids.
  - ☐ **DO NOT** rub skin or give individual alcohol.
  - ☐ **Evacuate the individual to the MTF. THIS IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.**



## **ANNEX Z**

### **HEAT INJURIES**

#### **CATEGORIES OF HEAT INJURIES**

- ☐ Mild heat reaction.
- ☐ Heat cramps.
- ☐ Heat exhaustion.
- ☐ Heat stroke.

#### **MILD HEAT REACTION**

- a. Cause: lack of fluids.
- b. Signs/symptoms:
  - ☐ Lightheadedness.
  - ☐ Fatigue.
  - ☐ Normal temperature.
- c. Action:
  - ☐ Rest.
  - ☐ Oral fluids.

#### **HEAT CRAMPS**

- a. Cause: Lack of electrolytes (sodium, potassium, etc.).
- b. Signs/symptoms:
  - ☐ Cramps in muscles, usually arms, legs, and/or abdomen.
  - ☐ Normal temperature.
- c. Action:
  - ☐ Rest.
  - ☐ Oral electrolytes (if patient able to take) or intravenous fluids with electrolytes.
  - ☐ **RECOMMEND:**
    - ☐ Rapid evaluation by medical officer.
    - ☐ No strenuous activity in heat for 12 - 24 hours.

#### **HEAT EXHAUSTION**

- a. Cause: Loss of fluids.



- b. Signs/symptoms:
  - ☐ Severe fatigue.
  - ☐ Anxiety.
  - ☐ Possible loss of consciousness (fainting).
  - ☐ Cool, pale, clammy skin.
  - ☐ Temperature below or slightly above normal.
- c. Action:
  - ☐ Remove patient from heat.
  - ☐ Elevate legs.
  - ☐ If conscious, give frequent small amounts of oral fluids. If unconscious, give intravenous fluids.
  - ☐ **RECOMMEND:**
    - ☐ Immediate evaluation by medical officer.
    - ☐ Remove patient from heat stress for at least 48 hours.

### HEAT STROKE

- a. Cause: Failure of body's heat loss mechanisms.
- b. Signs/symptoms:
  - ☐ Hot dry, flushed skin.
  - ☐ Decreased sweating.
  - ☐ Rapid pulse.
  - ☐ Normal or elevated blood pressure.
  - ☐ Disorientation or unconsciousness.
  - ☐ Elevated temperature (greater than 101°F, central body temperature, NOT ORAL TEMPERATURE).
- c. Action: **This is a medical emergency!**
  - ☐ Cool patient rapidly.
  - ☐ Immediately, evacuation patient to the hospital.
  - ☐ Profile after hospital discharge will provide instructions.

### SOLDIER PERFORMANCE IN MOPP GEAR

- ☐ MOPP gear considered a special case of heat stress.
- ☐ Impermeable garment creates uncompensable heat stress.
- ☐ Other problems created by MOPP include:
  - ☐ Reduced peripheral vision.
  - ☐ Loss of fine dexterity due to gloves, etc.
  - ☐ Claustrophobia (in some people).



## **ANNEX AA**

### **WET BULB GLOBE TEMPERATURE INDEX**

#### **BASIC MEASURES**

- \_\_\_ Take steps to prevent heat injury to personnel.
- \_\_\_ Train for heat injury prevention.
- \_\_\_ Determine the WBGT index.
- \_\_\_ Ensure personnel actually drink an adequate amount of water.
- \_\_\_ Ensure adequate amount potable water is available.

#### **PREVENTION OF HEAT INJURY CHECKLIST**

Be sure soldiers:

- \_\_\_ Replace water loss frequently.
- \_\_\_ Avoid excessive salt intake.
- \_\_\_ Maintain acclimatization.
- \_\_\_ Maintain good physical condition.
- \_\_\_ Protect from environment by wearing proper clothing.



WBGT Index	Physical Activity Recommendations
78°F (26°C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use caution.</li><li>Extremely intense physical exertion may bring on heat exhaustion or heatstroke.</li></ul>
82°F (28°C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use discretion in planning heavy exercise for unseasoned personnel.</li></ul>
85°F (29°C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suspend strenuous exercise such as marching at standard cadence for unseasoned personnel during their first three weeks of training.</li><li>Training activities may be continued on a reduced scale after the second week of training.</li></ul>
Above 85°F (29°C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Avoid outside classes in the sun when the WBGT is over this WBGT Index.</li></ul>
88°F (31°C)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stop strenuous exercise for all recruits and other trainees with less than 12 weeks training in hot weather.</li><li>Hardened personnel, after having been acclimatized each season, can carry on limited activity at WBGT Index of 88°F to 90°F (31°C - 32°C for periods not exceeding six hours a day.</li></ul>
90°F (32°C) and above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Suspend physical training and strenuous exercise for all personnel (excluding essential operational commitments not for training purposes, where the risk of heat casualties may be warranted).</li></ul>

**NOTE:** Wearing of body armor or NBC warfare protective overgarments adds 10°F (6°C) to the measured WBGT. Adjust activity limits accordingly.



## ANNEX BB

### STABILITY AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

#### COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT PLANNING CHECKLISTS

##### COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

This checklist is a tool for use in assessing the health care delivery system and the medical needs of a host nation.

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Dates visited \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. General Information

- ☐ Name of location
- ☐ Map grid coordinates
- ☐ Topography (such as mountains or desert)
- ☐ Climate (such as tropic or arctic)
- ☐ Temperature Ranges
- ☐ Summer \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Winter \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Significant seasonal variants (such as a monsoon season)
- ☐ Availability of water (source, quality, quantity, contaminants)
- ☐ Epidemiology (disease and occurrence)
- ☐ Leading causes of death
- ☐ Status of sanitation impacting on the overall health
- ☐ Insects, plants, and animals of medical importance
- ☐ Religious, social, and/or political factors of medical importance

#### II. Civilian Health Services

- ☐ Organizations and administration (to include public and private)
- ☐ Public health laws
- ☐ Accessibility to care (to include physical, social, and financial barriers)
- ☐ Comments on overall quality of civilian health care
- ☐ Significant Individuals (name and title)

#### III. Military Medical Services

- ☐ Force strength (active and reserve)
- ☐ Organization and administration
- ☐ Policies and programs
- ☐ Physical fitness standards
- ☐ Medical logistics and blood management
- ☐ Medical evacuation and regulating
- ☐ Hospitalization
- ☐ Preventive medicine
- ☐ Dental
- ☐ Veterinary
- ☐ Pharmacy, laboratory, and x-ray
- ☐ Combat stress/neuropsychiatry
- ☐ Nursing
- ☐ Paraprofessionals
- ☐ Military medical training and education programs (course/school, location, and type of training)
- ☐ Comments on the overall quality of military medical care
- ☐ Significant Individuals (name and title)



## IV. Medical Materiel

- ☐ Production capability (product, quality, and demand)
- ☐ Stockpiles (product, quantity, and demand)
- ☐ Products obtained from outside sources (product, quantity, and demand)
- ☐ Equipment repair capability

## V. Medical Research and Development

- ☐ Institutes (Name, location, and type of research)
- ☐ Significant individuals

## VI. Civilian Medical Training

- ☐ Schools/institutes (Name, location, and type of training)
- ☐ Significant individuals

## VII. Hospitalization Data

- ☐ Type
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Civilian
- ☐ Peacetime capacity
- ☐ Wartime capacity
- ☐ Access
- ☐ Road
- ☐ Air (both fixed- and rotary-wing)
- ☐ Rail
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Services
- ☐ Emergency room
- ☐ Operating room
- ☐ Intensive care units
- ☐ Orthopedics
- ☐ Neurosurgery
- ☐ Obstetrics
- ☐ X-ray
- ☐ Laboratory
- ☐ Blood bank
- ☐ Pharmacy
- ☐ Physical therapy
- ☐ Occupational therapy
- ☐ Dialysis
- ☐ Psychiatry
- ☐ Comments

**MEDICAL MISSION RECONNAISSANCE CHECKLIST**

The individual medical mission under a humanitarian assistance program requires comprehensive planning and prior coordination to ensure success. This checklist is a tool for the CHS planner to use prior to deploying a medical team to the AO. (**NOTE:** The terms used for organizations or individuals may vary between health care delivery systems.)

Name of village \_\_\_\_\_

Grid \_\_\_\_\_

Sheet number \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Resources available in village and surrounding vicinity****(1) Communications means, accessibility, and emergency services.**☐ Communications means (telephone, telegraph, radio, or other)☐ Type of road network (paved, dirt, or path)☐ Fire/search and rescue services (location)☐ Police☐ Militia**(2) Health workers**☐ Health guardian☐ Midwife☐ Health representative**(3) Other personnel available**☐ School teacher☐ Village leader☐ Others**(4) Nearest medical clinic**☐ Distance☐ Transportation available☐ Number and type of staff (to include specialties)☐ Name of the head nurse☐ Name of the health promoter☐ Others**(5) Nearest district or regional medical center**☐ Distance☐ Transportation available☐ Number and type of staff (names of physicians/social services)**(6) Nearest hospital (public and private) and type of hospital**☐ Area hospital and distance☐ Regional hospital and distance☐ National hospital and distance**(7) Private physicians (names, addresses, and specialties)****(8) Essential drug listing (medications used on humanitarian assistance missions should be consistent with local products and availability)****(9) Medical logistics availability (materiel, services, and repair capability)****B. Health Information****(1) Size of population**☐ Adults☐ Children☐ Infants





- (2) Housing and accessibility of hygiene and sanitation measures
  - \_\_\_ Number of houses and typical type of construction to include heating
  - \_\_\_ Latrines
  - \_\_\_ Water pump
  - \_\_\_ Water source and how used (bath, laundry, and cooking)
- (3) Endemic diseases
- (4) Five leading causes of death
- (5) Veterinary information
  - \_\_\_ Number of cattle; horses/mules; goats; pigs; poultry; and dogs and cats
  - \_\_\_ Number of animals which died in the last 3 months
  - \_\_\_ Cause or reason for death
  - \_\_\_ Zoonotic diseases
- (6) Dental care information
  - \_\_\_ General level of oral health
  - \_\_\_ Endemic oral diseases
  - \_\_\_ Availability of dental care
  - \_\_\_ Names of dental care providers
- (7) General living conditions
  - \_\_\_ Clothes (type and quantity [such as in winter are there sufficient coats/warm clothing])
  - \_\_\_ Housing
  - \_\_\_ Electricity
  - \_\_\_ Number of family radios/televisions
  - \_\_\_ Stores (type and quantity)
  - \_\_\_ Crops
  - \_\_\_ Main food sources
  - \_\_\_ Main sources of income
  - \_\_\_ Average family income
  - \_\_\_ Availability of refrigeration
  - \_\_\_ Type of health care to be given
  - \_\_\_ Estimation on reliability of information
- C. Transportation Information
  - \_\_\_ Air (type of aircraft and available/adequacy of landing zone)
  - \_\_\_ Ground (type of vehicle, special requirements (such as snow chains))
  - \_\_\_ Estimated travel time
  - \_\_\_ Other
- D. Security Information
  - \_\_\_ Threat
  - \_\_\_ Host nation and US security forces in the area
  - \_\_\_ Agency responsible for security and crowd control
- E. Diagram of Mission Area
  - \_\_\_ Draw diagram of mission area to include landmarks and obstacles
  - \_\_\_ Explain on-site triage layout
  - \_\_\_ Explain patient flow
  - \_\_\_ Other
- F. Items Required to Support Mission
  - \_\_\_ Medical supplies
  - \_\_\_ Medical equipment
  - \_\_\_ Nonmedical supplies and equipment
- G. Photographs of Significant Features and People
- H. Assessment Made by: (names and titles)
- I. Expected Dates of Mission



## **ANNEX CC**

### **SINGGARS OPERATIONS**

#### **SINGLE CHANNEL OPERATIONS (SC)**

- \_\_\_ Load/store SC frequencies
  - \_\_\_ Move to desired channel.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LD.
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to SC.
  - \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Enter desired frequency.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT.
  
- \_\_\_ Clear SC frequencies
  - \_\_\_ Move to desired channel.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LD.
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to SC.
  - \_\_\_ Press freq button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Press H.LD/O button.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT.
  
- \_\_\_ Offset SC frequencies
  - \_\_\_ Select desired channel
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to SC.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to SQ/ON.
  - \_\_\_ Press send/OFST button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Press 5 or 10.
  - \_\_\_ Press SEND/OFST again for A(-)5 or 10.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
  
- \_\_\_ Clear offset frequencies
  - \_\_\_ Select desired channel.
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to SC.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to SQJON.
  - \_\_\_ Press SEND/OFST button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Press H.LD/O button.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
  
- \_\_\_ Scan SC frequencies
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to SQ/ON.
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to FH.
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to CUE.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
  - \_\_\_ Press 0-7 for desired priority or press 8 if no desired priority.



- \_\_\_ Cancel a channel from scan
  - \_\_\_ Press channel number to be cleared
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button

**NOTE: You cannot clear a priority channel from scanning.**

- \_\_\_ Restore a channel to scan
  - \_\_\_ Press channel number to be restored.

### **FREQUENCY HOP-SUBSTATION OPERATIONS (FH)**

- \_\_\_ Prepare to receive (ERF) cold start NET opening
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to MAN.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LD.
  - \_\_\_ Set MODE to SC.
  - \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Enter desired frequency.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LDIV.
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to FH.
  - \_\_\_ Turn ECCM fill device off.
  - \_\_\_ Connect ECCM device to the fill audio connector on radio.
  - \_\_\_ Select T1 or T2 from ECCM fill device.
  - \_\_\_ Turn ECCM fill device on.
  - \_\_\_ Press H.LD/O button.
  - \_\_\_ Turn ECCM fill device off.
  - \_\_\_ Disconnect ECCM fill device QSET FCTN to LD.
  - \_\_\_ STNDBY and follow instructions from NCS.
- \_\_\_ Prepare to receive (ERF) update
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LD.
  - \_\_\_ Standby and follow instructions from NCS.

**NOTE: SET FCTN TO SQ/ON AFTER COMPLETING (ERF) UPDATE OPERATION**

- \_\_\_ Perform late NET entry
  - \_\_\_ You have not received any traffic for 20 minutes.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to SQ/ON.
  - \_\_\_ Set MODE to FH.
  - \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
  - \_\_\_ Press L.E/3 button.
  - \_\_\_ Wait at least 2 minutes.

**NOTE: DO NOT KEY HANDSET UNTIL "L" DROPS FROM DISPLAY.**

- \_\_\_ Clear a late NET entry
  - \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
  - \_\_\_ Press L.E/3.



\_\_\_ Perform "CUE" function

- \_\_\_ You performed a late NET entry but still have no COMMO.
- \_\_\_ Turn KY-57 off.
- \_\_\_ Set CHAN to CUE.
- \_\_\_ Set MODE to LD.
- \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
- \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
- \_\_\_ Enter desired frequency.
- \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
- \_\_\_ Set FCTN to SQ/ON.
- \_\_\_ Key HANDSET for 4 seconds. Unkey for 15 seconds. Continue until contact is made.
- \_\_\_ Follow instructions of NCS.

**NOTE: Clear cue frequency when you have completed this operation.**

\_\_\_ Change HOP set I.D. number

- \_\_\_ Select desired channel containing the HOPSET to be changed.
- \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
- \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
- \_\_\_ Enter new HOPSET I.D. number.
- \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.

\_\_\_ Perform cold start NET operations as an NCS

- \_\_\_ Set CHAN to MAN.
- \_\_\_ Press H.LD/O button.
- \_\_\_ Press U9 button.
- \_\_\_ Press 1 ST DIGIT of lockout.
- \_\_\_ Contact the NET and ask them to stand by for ERF.
- \_\_\_ Press SEND/OFST button twice.
- \_\_\_ Tell NET to press STO/ENT button.
- \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
- \_\_\_ Press H.LD/O button.
- \_\_\_ Press channel number that hopset is stored in
- \_\_\_ Press SEND/OFST button twice.
- \_\_\_ Tell the NET to press STP/ENT button and 1-6 as directed by you.
- \_\_\_ Tell NET to go to the channel the hopset is stored in and SQ/ON.
- \_\_\_ Make a radio check. Then, go to SQ/ON.

**NOTE: If lockout is not required, perform only the first three steps.**

\_\_\_ Send ERF update

- \_\_\_ Set FCTN told.
- \_\_\_ Press H.LD/o button.
- \_\_\_ Press the channel number HOPSET update is stored in.
- \_\_\_ Tell NET to stand by for ERF update
- \_\_\_ Press SEND/OFST twice.
- \_\_\_ Tell NET to press STO/ENT button and \_\_\_channel number that you want HOPSET update stored in.
- \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT and channel number that HOPSET update is stored in.
- \_\_\_ Tell NET to go to channel that HOPSET update is stored in.
- \_\_\_ Make a radio check then go to SQ/ON.



- \_\_\_ Clear a lockout
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to MAN.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LD
  - \_\_\_ Press clr button.
  - \_\_\_ Press I/9 button.
  - \_\_\_ Press 1st digit of the lockout.
- \_\_\_ Clear a HOPSET
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to MAN.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN told.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Press channel number that contains the HOPSET data that you want to clear.

### FREQUENCY HOP MASTER FUNCTIONS (NCS) CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ Load MAN and CUE frequencies
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LO.
  - \_\_\_ Set MODE to SC.
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to MAN.
  - \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Enter desired frequency.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to CUE
  - \_\_\_ Press FREQ button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Enter desired frequency.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
- \_\_\_ Load TRANSEC
  - \_\_\_ Set mode to FH.
  - \_\_\_ Set fctn to LD/V.
  - \_\_\_ Set CHAN to MAN.
  - \_\_\_ Turn ECCM FILL device off.
  - \_\_\_ Connect ECCM FILL device to fill audio connector on radio.
  - \_\_\_ Turn ECCM fill device on
  - \_\_\_ Select T1 or T2 from ECCM fill device.
  - \_\_\_ Press H.Ld/o button.
  - \_\_\_ Set FCTN to LD.
- \_\_\_ Load lockout
  - \_\_\_ Select desired lockout from ECCM fill device.
  - \_\_\_ Press H.LD/o button.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.

**NOTE:** If lockout not used, skip this.



- \_\_\_ Load HOPSET
  - \_\_\_ Select desired HOPSET from ECCM fill device.
  - \_\_\_ Press H.LD/o button.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
  - \_\_\_ Press KEY PAD for desired channel 1-6.
  - \_\_\_ Turn ECCM FILL device off.
  - \_\_\_ Disconnect ECCM FILL device.

- \_\_\_ Load TIME
  - \_\_\_ Press TIME button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Enter current JULIAN DATE.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.
  - \_\_\_ Press TIME button.
  - \_\_\_ Press CLR button.
  - \_\_\_ Enter CURRENT ZULU TIME.
  - \_\_\_ Press STO/ENT button.

**NOTE:** Load time only if you did not receive an ERF from higher.



## **ANNEX DD**

### **OPERATIONS IN A NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, AND CHEMICAL ENVIRONMENT**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Nuclear, biological, and chemical actions create:

- \_\_\_ High casualty rates.
- \_\_\_ Materiel losses.
- \_\_\_ Obstacles to maneuver.
- \_\_\_ Contamination.

#### **GENERAL**

Contamination is the major problem in providing CHS in an NBC environment. To increase survivability as well as supportability units must take actions to avoid NBC contamination. Maximum use will be made of:

- \_\_\_ Alarms and detection equipment.
- \_\_\_ Unit dispersion.
- \_\_\_ Overhead cover, shielding materials, and collective protection shelters (CPS), when available.

#### **COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The commander will ensure that all personnel have their immunizations up to date; have begun taking biological warfare agent prophylaxis as prescribed; are using skin protectants; and have complete chemical protection overgarments.

- \_\_\_ The company NBC NCO is responsible for ensuring that the company has completed NBC protective procedures in accordance with the unit TSOP. He will ensure that all necessary reports (such as NBC 1) are posted in the company CP, as required. He will notify the commander immediately when the unit is determined to be in noncompliance with the unit NBC SOP.

#### **PLATOON RESPONSIBILITIES (NOTE: Medical platoon in maneuver units; all platoons in medical company)**

- \_\_\_ Each platoon is responsible for ensuring that they have at least two individuals trained in basic NBC protection. These individuals will assist the NBC NCO in the performance of his duties as the situation permits.

#### **PLATOON LEADERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Platoon leaders are responsible for ensuring their platoons have:

- \_\_\_ Checked all NBC gear to include M8A1 alarms.
- \_\_\_ Individual protective masks.
- \_\_\_ Individual protective overgarments.
- \_\_\_ Taken general NBC hardened of their areas daily.
- \_\_\_ Individual decontaminating kits, nerve agent antidotes (MARK I and CANA), pretreatments, if available, and up-to-date immunizations.



### M8A1 ALARM AND WD1 WIRE

- \_\_\_ Placement.
  - \_\_\_ M8A1 alarms will be placed 150 meters upwind from the perimeter.
  - \_\_\_ WD1 wire will be concealed or buried. The wire will be attached to a stationary object before it is attached to the alarm.
- \_\_\_ The alarm and wire will be checked daily.

### NBC ATTACK

Upon notification of an imminent NBC attack:

- \_\_\_ All soldiers will immediately seek shelter and assume the directed MOPP level.
- \_\_\_ Movement in exposed areas should be kept to a minimum.
- \_\_\_ Leaders will then inspect the NBC protective posture in their area as time permits.

### NBC-1 REPORTS

- \_\_\_ Immediately following the attack, units will prepare and submit NBC-1 reports to the company CP. NBC-1 reports will be consolidated and submitted to the battalion TOC.

### ACTION AND UPDATES

- \_\_\_ The battalion TOC will direct what action will be taken. Units will continue to update the company CP on any developments such as casualties, contamination of equipment, and updated NBC-1 reports.

### MEDICAL/TREATMENT PLATOON RESPONSIBILITIES

- \_\_\_ The platoon must be prepared to conduct patient decontamination operations as required. They require at least eight nonmedical personnel to perform the patient decontamination procedures.

### LIFESAVING MEASURES

- \_\_\_ Lifesaving measures will be performed on patients, regardless of contamination.

### CLEAN AND CONTAMINATED AMBULANCES/VEHICLES/PERSONNEL

- \_\_\_ Care must be taken to ensure that contaminated patients **DO NOT** enter clean facilities.
- \_\_\_ Air and ground units contaminated in the original attack remain in the contaminated area until the mission is complete or directed to withdraw and be decontaminated.
- \_\_\_ Noncontaminated ambulances/vehicles/personnel should not enter contaminated areas unless directed by the leader. If additional medical evacuation assets are required to be employed in the contaminated area, it is preferable to commit ground evacuation resources rather than air ambulances.

### UNMASKING PROCEDURES

- \_\_\_ Unmasking procedures will be:
  - \_\_\_ Directed by the leader.
  - \_\_\_ Monitored by the company NBC NCO and leader.



**WATER SOURCE INSPECTIONS**

- \_\_\_ The NBC NCO and the attached PVNTMED team will conduct routine inspections of the water sources of the battalion to ensure no contamination has taken place. In the event of an NBC attack these sources must be checked more frequently.

**NBC CHECKLIST**

Ensure:

- \_\_\_ All soldiers can operate NBC defense equipment.
- \_\_\_ NBC defense equipment is operational/functional.
- \_\_\_ All soldiers know how to prepare and send NBC 1 and NBC 4 reports.
- \_\_\_ All soldiers recognize and know how to react to chemical and biological hazards.
- \_\_\_ All soldiers know criteria for automatic masking.
- \_\_\_ All soldiers enforce MOPP levels.
- \_\_\_ All soldiers can administer self and buddy aid for nerve agent poisoning.
- \_\_\_ All personnel can perform hasty DECON and MOPP gear exchange.

MOPP LEVEL	BDO	BOOTS	MASK	GLOVES
0	CARRIED	CARRIED	CARRIED	CARRIED
1	WORN	CARRIED	CARRIED	CARRIED
2	WORN	WORN	WORN	CARRIED
3	WORN	WORN	WORN	CARRIED
4	WORN	WORN	WORN	CARRIED

**UNMASKING PROCEDURES WITHOUT M256A1**

- \_\_\_ Move to shady area.
- \_\_\_ Have two or three soldiers take a deep breath and break the seal on their masks 15 seconds with their eyes open.
- \_\_\_ Have soldier clear and reseal their masks.
- \_\_\_ Observe for signs/symptoms for 10 minutes.
- \_\_\_ Have the same soldiers break their seals, take two or three breaths, and clear and reseal their masks.
- \_\_\_ Observe for signs/symptoms for 10 minutes.
- \_\_\_ Have the same soldiers unmask for 5 minutes, then remask.
- \_\_\_ If no symptoms appear in 10 minutes, the commander can direct unmasking.
- \_\_\_ Continue to observe soldier.

**UNMASKING PROCEDURES WITH M256 OR M256A1 DETECTOR KIT**

- \_\_\_ Execute M256 or M256A1 detector kit.
- \_\_\_ If negative, have two soldiers unmask for 5 minutes, then remask.
- \_\_\_ If no symptoms are present in 10 minutes, the commander can direct unmasking.
- \_\_\_ Continue to observe soldiers for signs/symptoms.

**ANNEX EE****PATIENT DECONTAMINATION OPERATIONS****PREPARE PATIENT DECONTAMINATION CHLORINE SOLUTIONS**

- \_\_\_ Two concentrations of the chlorine solution are required.
  - \_\_\_ A 5% solution is required to decontaminate:
    - \_\_\_ Gloves.
    - \_\_\_ Aprons.
    - \_\_\_ Litters.
    - \_\_\_ Scissors.
    - \_\_\_ The patient's hood.
    - \_\_\_ Other non-skin contact surfaces.
  - \_\_\_ Another 0.5% solution is required to decontaminate:
    - \_\_\_ The patient's mask, skin and splints.
    - \_\_\_ Irrigate patient's wounds.
- \_\_\_ Solution preparation.
  - \_\_\_ Use calcium hypochlorite (HTH) granules (supplied in 6 ounce jars in the patient decontamination MES) or sodium hypochlorite (household bleach).
  - \_\_\_ Prepare the required concentrations as shown in the table which follows.

HTH ounces	HTH MRE spoonfuls	Household bleach	Percent in 5 gallons of water
6	5*	2 quarts	0.5
46	35	**	5

- \* Use the plastic spoon supplied in your MRE to measure. The amount of HTH to be used is a heaping spoonful.
- \*\* DO NOT dilute in water. Household bleach is a 5% solution.



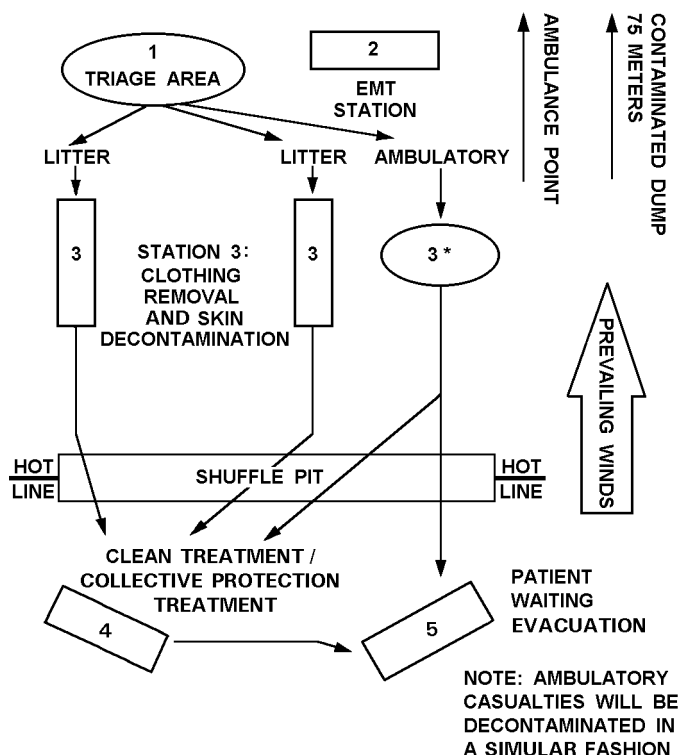
## DECONTAMINATE A CHEMICAL AGENT LITTER PATIENT

- \_\_\_ STEP 1. Decontaminate the patient's mask and hood.
- \_\_\_ STEP 2. Remove gross contamination.
- \_\_\_ STEP 3. Remove the patient's CPOGS and personal effects.
- \_\_\_ STEP 4. Remove the patient's battle dress uniform.
- \_\_\_ STEP 5. Transfer the patient to a decontamination litter.
- \_\_\_ STEP 6. Skin decontamination.
- \_\_\_ STEP 7. Transfer the patient across the shuffle pit.

## DECONTAMINATE A CHEMICAL AGENT AMBULATORY CASUALTY

- \_\_\_ STEP 1. Remove LBE.
- \_\_\_ STEP 2. Decontaminate the patient's mask and hood.
- \_\_\_ STEP 3. Remove the FMC.
- \_\_\_ STEP 4. Remove all gross contamination.
- \_\_\_ STEP 5. Remove overgarment.
- \_\_\_ STEP 6. Check patient for contamination.
- \_\_\_ STEP 7. Decontaminate the patient's skin.
- \_\_\_ STEP 8. Remove bandages and tourniquets.
- \_\_\_ STEP 9. Proceed through the shuffle pit to the treatment area.

## PATIENT DECON OPERATIONS



## SPOT REPORT/SALUTE

SPOT REPORT/SALUTE	
LINE	ITEM
1	SIZE
2	ACTIVITY
3	LOCATION
4	UNIT/UNIFORM
5	TIME OBSERVED
6	EQUIPMENT
NOTES:	

**ANNEX GG****HANDLING ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR**

Medical units may have enemy soldiers surrender. They must hold these EPW until they can be transferred/moved to the EPW collection point. They should be handled as discussed in the table below. **(NOTE:** Medical units do not guard EPW patients. If required, guards are provided by the echelon commander.)

<b>HANDLING ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR</b>	
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>SEARCH</b> - remove, tag & mark weapons, documents; return personal items, helmet, NBC GEAR
<b>2</b>	<b>SEGREGATE</b> - by rank, sex, military, civilian
<b>3</b>	<b>SILENCE</b> - no talking
<b>4</b>	<b>SPEED</b> - from battle area
<b>5</b>	<b>SAFEGUARD</b> - to prevent harm or escape
<b>NOTES:</b>	



## **ANNEX HH**

### **PROFESSIONAL OFFICER FILLER SYSTEM (PROFIS) PERSONNEL CHECKLIST**

#### **Pre-deployment Checklist**

- ☐ Obtain issue of TA-50
- ☐ Ensure immunizations are up-to-date
- ☐ Ensure family care plans and other legal documents are up-to-date
- ☐ Contact the unit of assignment to ascertain any special requirements
- ☐ Make travel arrangements

#### **Upon Arrival at Unit**

- ☐ Report to the commander to ascertain--
  - ☐ Duty assignment
  - ☐ Mission priorities
  - ☐ General threat (to include antiterrorism and force protection guidance)
  - ☐ Medical threat (to include endemic and epidemic diseases)
  - ☐ Unit layout
- ☐ Coordinate with unit first sergeant for--
  - ☐ Billeting
  - ☐ Field feeding (location, hours of operation)
  - ☐ Laundry and bath services
  - ☐ Field sanitation procedures
  - ☐ Duty rosters
  - ☐ Training schedule
- ☐ Report to duty section
  - ☐ Meet section members
  - ☐ Review section SOP
  - ☐ Determine hours of operations/shifts
  - ☐ Meet and coordinate with individuals/organizations within your technical chain (such as brigade surgeon)
  - ☐ Familiarize yourself with field medical equipment and medical equipment sets (MESs)
  - ☐ Determine resupply procedures
  - ☐ Determine medical waste and general waste disposal procedures



## ACRONYMS

**1LT** first lieutenant  
**A<sup>2</sup>C<sup>2</sup>** Army airspace command and control  
**AA** Active Army/air ambulance  
**AAFES** Army and Air Force Exchange Service  
**AAR** after action review  
**AASLT** air assault  
**AC** Active Component  
**AD** armored division  
**ADA** air defense artillery  
**ADT** active duty for training  
**AE** aeromedical evacuation  
**AECC** Aeromedical Evacuation Control Center  
**AECE** Aeromedical Evacuation Control Element  
**AELT** aeromedical evacuation liaison team  
**AG** Adjutant General  
**AHS** Academy of Health Sciences, U.S. Army  
**AIT** advanced individual training  
**ALOC** Administrative and Logistics Operations Center  
**AMC** Air Mobility Command (United States Air Force)/Army Materiel Command  
**AMEDD** Army Medical Department  
**AMEDDC&S** U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School  
**AML** area medical laboratory/Advanced Medical Laboratory (Course)  
**AMSC** Army Management Staff College/Army Medical Specialist Corps  
**AN** Army Nurse Corps  
**ANCOC** Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course  
**AO** area of operations  
**AOC** area of concentration  
**AOR** area of responsibility  
**APFT** Army Physical Fitness Test  
**AR** Army Regulation  
**ARC** American Red Cross  
**ARCOM** Army Reserve Command/Army Commendation Medal  
**ARNG** Army National Guard  
**ARPERCEN** Army Reserve Personnel Center  
**ARTEP** Army Training and Evaluation Program  
**as** as stated  
**ASAP** as soon as possible  
**ASB** aviation support battalion  
**ASF** aeromedical staging facility  
**ASI** additional skill identifier  
**ASL** authorized stockage list  
**ASMB** area support medical battalion  
**ASMC** area support medical company  
**ASMS** area support MEDEVAC section  
**ASP** ammunition supply point  
**AT** annual training  
**ATC** air transportable clinic (United States Air Force)  
**ATM** advanced trauma management  
**ATP** ammunition transfer point  
**AXP** ambulance exchange point  
**BAQ** basic allowance for quarters  
**BAS** battalion aid station/basic allowance for subsistence



**BASD** basic active service date  
**BCT** battalion combat team/brigade combat team  
**BCTP** battle command training post  
**BDAR** battle damage assessment and repair  
**BDE** brigade  
**BDU** battle dress uniform  
**BEQ** bachelor enlisted quarters  
**BFC** battle fatigue casualty  
**BII** basic issue item  
**BMNT** beginning of morning nautical twilight  
**BN** battalion  
**BNCOB** Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course  
**BOA** basis of allocation  
**BOS** battlefield operating systems  
**BP** battle position  
**BSA** brigade support area  
**BSEP** Basic Skills Education Program  
**C<sup>2</sup>** command and control  
**C<sup>3</sup>** command, control, and communications  
**C<sup>4</sup>** Combat Casualty Care Course  
**C<sup>4</sup>I** command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence  
**CAA** Combined Arms Army  
**CAB** combat aviation brigade  
**CANA** convulsant antidote for nerve agent  
**CAP** company aid post  
**CAS** close air support  
**CAS3** Combined Arms Service Staff School  
**CAV** cavalry  
**CCP** casualty collecting point  
**CCCP** chemical casualty collecting point  
**CCIR** commander's critical intelligence requirements  
**CCL** combat configured load  
**CCP** combat collection point  
**CDR** commander  
**CFA** covering force area  
**CFFS** combat field feeding system  
**CG** commanding general  
**CHAMPUS** Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services  
**CHL** combat health logistics  
**CHS** combat health support  
**CL** combat lifesaver  
**CLOAC** Combat Logistics Officer Advanced Course  
**CLS** clearing station  
**CMF** career management field  
**CMS** central materiel supply  
**CMTC** Combat Maneuver Training Center  
**CO** company/commanding officer  
**COB** close of business/command operating budget  
**COL** colonel/chief of logistics  
**COMMZ** communications zone  
**CONUS** continental United States  
**COR** contract officer representative  
**COSCOM** corps support command  
**CP** command post





**CPOG** chemical protective overgarment  
**CPR** cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
**CPS** collective protective shelter  
**CPT** captain  
**CPX** command post exercise  
**CRAF** Civil Reserve Air Fleet  
**CRTS** casualty receiving and treatment ship  
**CS** combat support  
**CSS** combat service support  
**CSAR** combat search and rescue  
**CSB** corps support battalion  
**CSC** combat stress control  
**CSG** combat support group  
**CSH** combat support hospital  
**CSR** controlled supply rate  
**CSS** combat service support  
**CTA** common table of allowances  
**CTC** combat training center  
**CZ** combat zone  
**DA** Department of the Army  
**DAC** Department of the Army Civilian  
**DAO** division ammunition officer  
**DBA** deep battle area  
**DC** Dental Corps  
**DCSPER** Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel  
**D-Day** day of operation  
**DECON** decontamination  
**DENTAC** US Army Dental Activity  
**DEPMEDS** Deployable Medical Systems  
**DES** dental equipment set  
**DF2** diesel fuel type 2  
**DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services  
**DISCOM** division support command  
**DIVARTY** division artillery  
**DMMC** division material management center  
**DMOC** division medical operations center  
**DMSET** Deployable Medical Systems equipment for training  
**DNBI** disease and nonbattle injuries  
**DOA** dead on arrival  
**DOD** Department of Defense  
**DOL** Directorate of Logistics  
**DOS** days of supply  
**DOW** died of wounds  
**DRT** Doctrine Review Team  
**DS** direct support  
**DSA** division support area  
**DST** decision support template--shows decision points keyed to significant events and activities  
**DSU** direct support unit  
**D-TACC** Deployed Tanker Airlift Control Center  
**DTF** dental treatment facility  
**DTG** date-time group  
**DTOC** division tactical operations center  
**DVA** Department of Veterans Affairs  
**DZ** drop zone



**EAC** echelon above corps  
**ECCM** electronic counter-countermeasures  
**EEFI** essential elements of friendly information  
**EENT** end of evening nautical twilight  
**EFMB** Expert Field Medical Badge  
**ELO** enabling learning objective  
**EMT** emergency medical treatment/emergency medical technician  
**EOD** explosive ordinance disposal  
**EPMS** Enlisted Personnel Management System  
**EPW** enemy prisoners of war  
**ESF** emergency support function  
**ETA** estimated time of arrival  
**ETS** expiration of term of service  
**EVAC** evacuation  
**FAO** Finance and Accounting Office  
**FARP** forward arming and refueling point  
**FEBA** forward edge of the battle area  
**FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**FH** field hospital  
**FLOT** forward line of own troops  
**FM** field manual  
**FMC** US Field Medical Card (DD Form 1380)  
**PHONECON** telephone conversation  
**FORSCOM** US Forces Command  
**FRAGO** fragmentary order  
**FSB** forward support battalion  
**FSMC** forward support medical company  
**FSMT** forward support MEDEVAC team  
**FSP** forward supply point  
**FST** forward surgical team  
**FTX** field training exercise  
**FY** fiscal year  
**GA** ground ambulance  
**GH** general hospital  
**GR** general reference  
**GRREG** graves registration  
**GS** general support  
**GTA** graphic training aid  
**HEMTT** heavy expanded mobility tactical truck  
**HET** heavy equipment transporter  
**HMMWV** high mobility multi- purpose wheeled vehicle  
**HQ** headquarters  
**HSC** headquarters and support company  
**HSSO** health service support officer  
**HUB** hospital unit, base  
**HUH** hospital unit, holding  
**HUM** hospital unit, medical  
**HUS** hospital unit, surgical  
**IAW** in accordance with  
**ID** identification  
**IEDK** individual equipment decontamination kit  
**IET** Initial Entry Training  
**IG** Inspector General  
**INFO** information



**INTEL** intelligence  
**IPB** intelligence preparation of the battlefield  
**IPR** in-process review  
**IRR** Individual Ready Reserve  
**ISB** intermediate staging base  
**ISO** Information Security Officer  
**ITEP** Individual Training Evaluation Program  
**IV** intravenous  
**JAGC** Judge Advocate General's Corps  
**JCAHO** Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
**JMRTC** Joint Medical Readiness Training Center  
**JP4** jet petroleum, type 4  
**JRTC** Joint Readiness Training Center  
**kg** kilogram  
**KIA** killed in action  
**km** kilometers  
**LCDR** Lieutenant Commander (US Navy)  
**LD** line of departure  
**LOI** letter of instruction  
**LRP** logistics release point  
**LT** Lieutenant  
**LTC** lieutenant colonel  
**LTG** lieutenant general  
**LZ** landing zone  
**MACOM** major Army command  
**MAJ** major  
**MARC** multifunctional automated record card  
**MASF** mobile aeromedical staging facility  
**MAST** military anti-shock trousers  
**MBA** main battle area  
**MC** Medical Corps  
**MCO** movement control officer  
**MEDCASE** Medical Care Support Equipment  
**MEDCEN** US Army Medical Center  
**MEDDAC** US Army Medical Department Activity  
**MEDEVAC** medical evacuation  
**MEDLOG** medical logistics  
**MEDPAR** Medical Patient Administration and Records (TAMMIS)  
**MEDREG** medical regulating  
**MES** medical equipment set  
**METL** mission essential task list  
**METT-T** mission, enemy, terrain, troops, and time available  
**MF2K** Medical Force 2000  
**MFR** memorandum for record  
**MFSS** Medical Field Service School  
**MG** Major General  
**MH** mental health  
**MIA** missing in action  
**MILES** Multiple Integrated Laser Equipment System  
**MILPERCEN** US Army Military Personnel Center  
**min** minute  
**MISALL** medical information system/AMEDD Lessons Learned  
**MOA** memorandum of agreement  
**MOGAS** motor gasoline



**MOPP** mission-oriented protective posture  
**MOS** military occupational specialty  
**MOU** memorandum of understanding  
**MOUT** military operations on urbanized terrain  
**MP** military police  
**mph** miles per hour  
**MPT** medical proficiency training  
**MQS** military qualification standards  
**MRE** meal, ready-to-eat  
**MRO** medical regulating office  
**MS** Medical Service Corps  
**MSB** main support battalion  
**MSG** master sergeant  
**MSMC** main support medical company  
**MSN** mission  
**MSR** main supply route  
**MST** maintenance support team  
**MTF** medical treatment facility  
**MTP** Mission Training Plan  
**MWD** military working dog  
**NAI** named area of interest  
**NAPP** nerve agent pretreatment packet  
**NBC** nuclear, biological, chemical  
**NCO** noncommissioned officer  
**NCOER** Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report  
**NCOES** Noncommissioned Officer Education System  
**NCOIC** noncommissioned officer in charge  
**NDMS** National Disaster Medical System  
**NEO** noncombatant evacuation operations  
**NLT** not later than  
**NOK** next of kin  
**NP** neuropsychiatric  
**NSN** National Stock Number  
**NTC** National Training Center  
**OAC** Officer Advance Course  
**OBC** Officer Basic Course  
**OCONUS** outside the continental United States  
**OCS** Officer Candidate School  
**OER** Officer Evaluation Report  
**O&I** operations and intelligence  
**OIC** officer in charge  
**OJT** on-the-job training  
**OP** operations  
**OPCON** operational control  
**OPLAN** operation plan  
**OPORD** operation order  
**OPSEC** operations security  
**OR** operating room  
**OT** occupational therapy  
**OTSG** Office of The Surgeon General  
**OVM** on vehicle materiel (equipment)  
**PA** physician assistant  
**PAC** personnel administration center  
**PAD** patient administration division



**PAO** public affairs office  
**PBO** property book officer  
**PCP** patient Collecting point  
**PERSCOM** US Army Personnel Command  
**PERSTAT** personnel status report  
**PLDC** Primary Leadership Development Course  
**PLT** platoon  
**PLX** pharmacy, laboratory, x-ray/Platoon Leader Exercise  
**PM** preventive maintenance  
**PMCS** preventive maintenance checks and services  
**POC** point of contact  
**POI** program of instruction  
**POL** petroleum, oils, and lubricants  
**PROFIS** Professional Officer Filler System  
**PT** physical training/physical therapy  
**PVNTMED** preventive medicine  
**PZ** pick-up zone  
**QA** quality assurance  
**QC** quality control  
**QM** Quartermaster Corps  
**QTB** quarterly training briefing  
**RBA** rear battle area  
**RC** Reserve Component  
**REG** regulation  
**RIF** reduction in force  
**ROE** rules of engagement  
**ROTC** Reserve Officer Training Corps  
**RSOI** reception, staging, onward movement, and integration  
**RSR** required supply rate  
**RTD** return to duty  
**S1** Adjutant (US Army)  
**S2** Intelligence Officer (US Army)  
**S3** Operations and Training Officer (US Army)  
**S4** Supply Officer (US Army)  
**SASP** special ammunition supply point  
**SB** support battalion  
**SDT** Self-Development Test  
**SF** standard form  
**SFC** sergeant first class  
**SGM** sergeant major  
**SGT** sergeant  
**SM** service member/soldier's manual  
**SME** subject-matter expert  
**SOC** support operations center  
**SOI** signal operating instructions  
**SOP** standing operating procedure  
**SP** start point  
**SPT** support  
**SQI** special qualification identifier  
**SSG** staff sergeant  
**SSI** specialty skill identifier  
**SSN** social security number  
**STB** super tropical bleach  
**STX** situational training exercise



**TA** theater Army  
**TAADS** The Army Authorization Documents System  
**TAI** target area of interest  
**TAMMIS** Theater Army Medical Management Information System  
**TBD** to be determined  
**TCP** traffic control point  
**TDA** table(s) of distribution and allowances  
**TDY** temporary duty  
**T&EO** training and evaluation outline  
**TEWT** training exercise without troops  
**TF** task force  
**TLP** troop leading procedures  
**TM** technical manual  
**TMC** troop medical clinic  
**TOC** tactical operations center  
**TOE** table(s) of organization and equipment  
**TPMRC** Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center  
**TRADOC** U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command  
**TSG** The Surgeon General  
**TTP** trailer transfer point  
**ULLS** Unit Level Logistical System  
**USA** United States Army  
**USAF** United States Air Force  
**USAREUR** United States Army Europe  
**USAR** United States Army Reserve  
**USMC** United States Marine Corps  
**USN** United States Navy  
**VC** Veterinary Corps  
**VHA** variable housing allowance  
**VIC** vicinity  
**WBGT** wet bulb globe temperature  
**WIA** wounded in action  
**WO** warrant officer  
**WSRO** weapons system replacement operations  
**XO** executive officer